



# Kingsmead Primary School

## Information for Parents / Carers

Date: November 2023

Class: Ness

Teacher: Hang

TA: Francoise

**English:** This half term we will be reading Varjak Paw written by S.F Said. We will be drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions and justifying our answers with evidence from the text. We will be continuing to use drama and working on our oracy skills in English through the use of freeze frames. We will be writing a descriptive wanted poster, describing actions in detail and story mapping.

**How to help your child at home.** Please continue to support your child at home with reading daily. This should include reading their Accelerated Reader book which they change every Friday. Please encourage them to read this book and ask them general questions about their reading. For example, *where is the story set? Can they summarise what happens in the story? Do they like the story? Why or why not?*

**Maths:** We will be continuing to work on our times tables as this underpins the foundations of maths. We are continuing to practise particular times tables each week and are bringing the times table Rockstar we are working on in school, home the week before. We will be solving addition and subtraction problems using both column method and selecting the most efficient method to work out problems. For example, looking at counting on when subtracting. We will also be converting between measurements and finding the perimeter of shapes. The last few weeks of the term, we will be focusing on applying our knowledge of times tables to work out other calculations.

Therefore, it is essential that all children know their times tables and are practising daily at home. **How to help your child at home.** You can help by ensuring your child practices their times tables and by testing them at home. 15-30 minutes every night is a sufficient amount of time. Please use the Times tables Rockstars template sent home to support this. You could also help your child to pay attention to different units of measure around them. For example, grams and kilograms when out shopping and weighing fruits. Maths is all around us so please use it as a teaching moment when you can.

### **Blocked subjects (History, Science)**

In Science, we will be learning about sound, states of matter and mechanisms. We will be learning that all sounds are caused by vibrations and how different types of instruments make sound (percussion, wind and string.) For our topic states of matter, we will be revisiting the three main states of matter; solid, liquid and gas. We will be exploring how we can change the states by heating or cooling a material.

In Design and Technology, we will be designing and creating a pneumatic toy for our topic Mechanisms. We will also be evaluating our toy.

### **A message from your child's teacher:**

Thank you for your continued support at home. If you have any questions or would like to meet, please get into contact with me. As you know, I am available at the end of day in the playground.

Thanks,  
Hang

Your child's PE day is Wednesday (we will be attending swimming and have drumming and dance lessons.) Please bring the PE bags with the correct P.E uniform. We will also be attending swimming on Tuesdays.

Spellings and maths homework and book bags will be given out on Fridays and due in the following Friday.