



Kingsmead Primary School

Information for Parents / Carers

Date: November 2023

Class: Fowey Class (Year 5)

Teacher: Omi & Chris

English

This half term, we will be writing our own poems and performing them using action and intonation. We will read the story of 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty; a fantastic text about Victorian East London. We will be creating posters, writing instructions and even writing playscripts!

How to help your child at home. Read with your child at home (get them to read to you and you read to them). Talk to your child about the book we are reading – get them to tell *you* what has happened. Ask questions that encourage your child to describe the characters and how they feel at different points of the story. Encourage and help them to speak in full, clear and grammatically accurate sentences; this is very important in the Year 5 Curriculum and beyond. It will really help them with their writing, discussion, reading and speaking skills!

Maths

This term we are starting with statistics. Looking at line graphs, bar charts and reading and interpreting tables. We will then be solidifying our multiplication and division knowledge as well as challenge ourselves by exploring prime numbers, factors and finding common multiples.

How to help your child at home. Make sure your child keeps practicing their times tables on a regular basis, to solidify them. When you are travelling around London, get your child to plan your route on the (free) Google maps App, and get them to work out journey-time and when you need to leave.

Geography

This half term we will be looking at the geography of the U.K. Comparing the landscape and culture of the four countries that make up the U.K. We will be building on our map reading skills by looking at six-figure grid references.

Science

This half term will be looking at our first science topic on forces.

A message from your child's teacher

Fowey class worked very hard last half term, and I would like to congratulate them on that. They have been really challenging themselves on up-levering their work and presenting neat work. We will be continuing with more challenging work which I know they are ready for! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come to me at the end of the day or arrange a meeting with the front office.

Your child's PE day is Friday; please make sure that your child brings the correct PE kit, with a change of full school uniform.

Spelling tests will be done on Friday (spellings given out on the Friday before).

There will be either Maths homework weekly: given out on the Friday before

School starts promptly at 9.00am and ends at 3.30pm