



# Kingsmead Primary School

## Information for Parents / Carers

Date: April 2026 Class: Fowey Class Teacher: Jane

### English

This term we will be reading 'The London Eye Mystery' by Siobhan Dowd and 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin.

As always, we will use the books as inspiration for a range of writing tasks while continuing to build on our developing knowledge of sentence types and writing features. You will be aware that we are going to have a walk around by the London Eye to get a sense of this area which is the focus of our first book.

With 'Coming to England', the children will be writing their own narratives, character descriptions, discovering information about the Windrush Generation and making contrasts between their environment and that of Trinidad where Floella Benjamin grew up.

How to help your child at home: Encourage daily reading at home. This is vital for children's development of language and comprehension. It gives them ideas for writing and develops a life-long skill which opens up worlds of imagination and learning!

### Maths

We have started the term by building and consolidating our understanding of angles.

We will also be looking at properties of shapes and how we can manipulate shapes on a grid by exploring translation and reflection in quadrants. Later on in the term, we will be developing our understanding of decimals by adding, subtracting and multiplying them, looking at negative numbers, and learning to convert units of measure including a focus on volume.

How to help your child at home. Make sure your child continues to practice their times tables on a regular basis as well as their number bonds to 100. Discuss what they have been learning in class and encourage them to use key vocabulary. Encourage maths in everyday life; for example, whilst food shopping, working out measurements and many more! Keep practising column methods for all four operations.

### Foundation Subjects (History, R.E., Geography, Science)

We have started the summer term with STEM week, exploring and developing ideas to make weather resistant houses. The students have designed different structures that allow houses to survive floods all over the world.

#### R.E

We will be exploring Christianity and how we can link Christian beliefs to the beliefs we have in our community.

#### Geography

We will be exploring geographical features around the world with a focus on mountains and rivers. As part of this topic, we will be having an adventure outside of London with a walk on Box Hill.

#### Science

Our final science topic of the year will be on Animals, including humans, looking at human development and the changes that occur as we grow.

#### Computing

Year 5 will be taking part in an exciting computer science project creating their own guitars using micro:bits.

#### History

We will be learning about Kingdom of Benin, learning about beliefs in the society and how to use sources reliably to find information.

### A message from your child's teacher

Year 5 continue to work hard in their learning and it is very apparent how much they have matured as learners. They will definitely be ready for Year 6 next year! We are looking forward to a fun term of topics and trips to support this learning. As well as the trips mentioned above, this term the children will also be

visiting Hackney Empire to hear the BBC Symphony Orchestra, and to Shakespeare's Globe to take part in a drama workshop.

Thank you for all of your support so far this year. Please keep encouraging reading at home- it makes such a difference. Please come and speak to me if you would like any help or advice on books. We have lots of books at school to borrow!

Your child's PE day is Thursday and Friday; please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit in school.

Homework will continue to be sent home on Fridays and due back the following Friday. Books can be changed whenever children have finished them.

School starts promptly at 9am and ends at 3.30pm

Please inform the school if your child is sick.