



## Spring 2020 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term - Year 3

### Team Adventure News

Hello and welcome back! We hope you've had an enjoyable and restful break and are looking forward to the term ahead. This term, we welcome back a familiar face in the form of Mrs Johnson who has returned from maternity leave to join Island class for the rest of the school year.

The children are now settled into their school routine and it has been lovely to see such happy smiles coming into school in the mornings. They have come back and hit the ground running so we are all very much looking forward to a successful term.

Please ensure your child's full PE Kit is in school, including their tracksuits and shorts as we will be alternating between outdoor and indoor PE. All children should have PE socks in their PE bags, along with a pair of black trainers which are only for PE purposes. A reminder to all adults that children must bring a coat to school with them every day.

Class PE days are as follows:

**Island** – Monday and Wednesday **Secret Garden** - Monday and Wednesday

### English

- ★ We will be using the novel '**Kensuke's Kingdom**' to help with our English this term. In particular the children will look at plot, setting and characters.
- ★ The specific **SPaG** skills we will be focusing on are **Prefixes**, revising **inverted commas** for speech, **synonyms and antonyms**
- ★ We have invested in some brand new **reading** and **comprehension** resources which we are very excited to get started with. Three times a week, the children will be split into groups to take part in a variety of different reading based exercises that we hope will show a marked improvement in their comprehension skills.
- ★ **Reading** at home 4 times a week is still the minimum expected of all children and a new incentive scheme has been brought in to encourage children (and parents) to keep up with this.

### Maths

- ★ In maths we will be continuing to secure and develop our **Multiplication** and **division** skills. The children will begin to look at using the more formal written methods beginning with multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers by 1- digit numbers.



- ★ The topic of **Fractions** will start towards the end of the term and be continued after the break.
- ★ In between, we will take our first look at **Measurement**, looking closely at **Area** and **Perimeter**.
- ★ We will continue to focus on consolidating **times table** knowledge and will encourage the children to continually learn and practise them at home.

### Topic Learning

- ★ In **Science**, we will be learning about **Light** and understanding how light works and why it behaves in certain ways. We will learn about this through a context of a crime that the children will solve - A thief has switched the lights out in a theatre and stolen some precious diamond earrings.
- ★ In **Geography**, we will be using maps/ atlases and computers to locate countries, including Japan, and cities from around the world. We will also be looking at and comparing the climates of the UK and Japan. We will also learn about Earthquakes and Tsunamis linking to the natural disaster that struck Japan in 2011.
- ★ In **Art**, we will explore different mediums such as paint, pastels and charcoal during our study of Japanese inspired art.

### Reminders for this half term

- ★ MyMaths workshop on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January @ 3pm – To help parents navigate the website more confidently.
- ★ We are looking forward to our Parents in Golden time this term – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- ★ Sport events that are in the process of being arranged for the children for this term will be released as soon as we know more!

**Mr Morgan (DHT), Mrs Butler, Miss Williams, Miss Wilkie, Mrs Johnson and Miss Beard ☺**