



Year 3 and 4's Spring Term

Topic is...

## Jammin' in Jamaica

### Our Topic

During the spring term, our Year 3 & 4 topic will be based on Jamaica. We will be learning about this fascinating country as part of our Multicultural half term and making comparisons between Jamaica and the UK. We will be kicking off the topic with a Jamaica Day – where the children will be participating in various Jamaican inspired activities. In addition to this, we will be reading 'When Life Gives you Mangoes' by Kereen Getten.

### Homework

In Year 3 & 4 we have high expectations with homework and expect it to be handed in on time and to a high standard. Children in Y3 & 4 will get:

- Regular home-reading. At least three times a week. Teachers will regularly check home school diaries and value an adult's comment in there.
- Weekly spellings given out on a Friday to be practised for the following Friday.
- A weekly English or maths activity, linked to something we have recently covered in class. This will also be handed out/collected in on a Friday.
- Creative homework – one piece to be completed each half term (Spring 1 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February and Spring 2 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March). This piece gives children the opportunity to choose a creative, topic based, piece of homework. Further information and ideas will be sent via Arbor.
- All children also have their own log-ins for TT Rockstars which is a great resource for practising times tables.

### PE

We ask that children have their full P.E kit in school **at all times** and only take them home at weekends and holidays.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year 3 & 4 Team

Below is an overview of what we will be learning this term.

<b>Science</b>	In Science we will be investigating sound, including exploring, through practical activities, how sound is made and how sound travels. In Spring 2, children will be learning about classification.
<b>History</b>	Children will look at the Jamaican community within the UK, e.g. music, carnival, food and famous people. They will also learn about the Windrush generation.
<b>Geography</b>	In Geography we will be looking at modern day Jamaica and how this compares to the UK.
<b>Art</b>	In Art we will be focusing on portraiture and learning about a Jamaican Artist, George Osman Watson.
<b>ICT</b>	In ICT, we will be researching facts about Jamaica which will then be used to create a Powerpoint quiz to be used at the end of the topic. We will also continue Coding lessons.
<b>RE</b>	We will be looking at exploring right and wrong with Christians and Humanists.
<b>PE</b>	In PE we will be focussing on striking and fielding (cricket) and gym. In Spring 2, we will be focussing on target games and dance.
<b>PSHE</b>	This term's PSHE focus is my healthy body and caring for my body.
<b>Music</b>	In music lessons we will learn all about pitch, tempo, rhythm, volume and timbre and singing different songs.
<b>DT</b>	In DT during the Spring term we will be focusing on designing and making our own Bobsleighs.
<b>Spanish</b>	We will be continuing to learn Spanish during this term, where we will have opportunities to speak, read and write.