



Dear children, parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope you've had a fantastic summer holiday. This term our topic 'Caribbean Calypso' is based on a story following a child's adaption to life on the Caribbean island of Tobago which we will be studying in English. In our topic sessions, we will be learning more about life in the Caribbean. In Science we will be studying classification. We will begin the year with two themed weeks; the first focussing on Spirituality and the second on British Values.

### **Homework**

Your child will receive a Home Learning brochure with tasks linked to our topic for the first 6 weeks. They will have a weekly Maths task and a Literacy or creative task to complete. Where possible, these tasks will be graded with the star challenge, and children will choose which tasks they would like to complete. Maths homework will continue to be completed in a Maths exercise book and home learning will now be completed in an exercise book.

There will be a weekly spelling test based on the spelling patterns and the words they are expected to learn for their year group. Spellings will be given out every Friday for your children to practise at home and will be tested the following Friday.

In addition to weekly homework, we expect all children to:

- Read daily (with an adult or independently)
- Practise times tables, with division facts in a mixed order, up to 12 x 12

Request: Please can Maths homework be completed in pencil and not pen. All homework needs to be handed in no later than Tuesday to allow us time to mark the work before handing out new tasks on Wednesday. Thank you!

### **Reading records**

Your child has been issued with a brand new reading record. We are really keen to see which books they are enjoying reading. Please help your child to make a record of the books they are reading and feel free to add entries yourself. Reading records need to come into school daily and should go home at the end of the day. This allows us to mark when guided reading has taken place or when a child has been heard to read as well as monitoring their home reading. Even in years 3 & 4 it is beneficial for parents to regularly listen to their child reading and discuss the text. Evidence of regular reading at home in the reading record will also help your child earn a tick for their AK Star Badge!

### **General Reminders**

Until Christmas PE will take place at the following times:

Year 3: Thursday afternoon

Year 4: Thursday afternoon (Swimming from the 15<sup>th</sup> September – 10<sup>th</sup> December) & Friday morning

It is essential that children have a full, labelled PE kit in school, including a water bottle. If they don't have their kit, they won't be able to take an active part in the lesson.

Both classes have two Forest School sessions timetabled this term: Year 3 on 14<sup>th</sup> September & Year 4 on the 13<sup>th</sup> September. Please send your child to school with appropriate outdoor clothing for these lessons.

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day

Miss Redman

Mrs Voss

## Class 3 and 4 Topic Overview Term 1

Subject	Year 3	Year 4
Themes	Caribbean Calypso	Caribbean Calypso
Christian Value	Generosity	Generosity
English	Stories from other cultures Setting descriptions Diary entries Adverts	Stories from other cultures Setting descriptions Diary entries Adverts
Maths	Place Value Addition & Subtraction	Place Value Addition & Subtraction
Science	Living things & their habitats Plants	Living things & their habitats Plants
ICT	eSafety	eSafety
History	n/a	n/a
Geography	Caribbean, contrasting locality Weather & climate, physical geography	Caribbean, contrasting locality Weather & climate, physical geography
R.E.	Hinduism - Diwali	Judaism – beliefs & practices
Art & Design	Caribbean inspired art	Caribbean inspired art
Design Technology	Hurricane shelters Caribbean cooking	Hurricane shelters Caribbean cooking
P.E.	Mr Brown	Swimming
Music	Music Express Food & Drink - Performance	Music Express Environment
P.H.S.C.E.	Unit 1: Our Happy School	Unit 1: Our Happy School
French	Greetings Numbers to 12	Numbers & descriptions
Wow Events	Life Education Bus	Life Education Bus
Assembly for Parents		15 <sup>th</sup> November
Community Links	AK Flower & Produce Show	AK Flower & Produce Show
SMSC Social Moral Spiritual and Cultural	Spiritual development week British Values week Experience Harvest Forest School	Spiritual development week British Values week Experience Harvest Forest School