Welcome back, we hope you had a relaxing and restful holidays. We are excited to be back at school and we are in for a busy first term.

**Inquiry**

Our first Unit of Inquiry this year has the Central Idea: Food plays an important role in people’s lives. Throughout this unit we will be covering; what are the reasons we eat particular foods, equity and distribution of food, sustainably sourcing food and how and where is food produced? Do you work with food or in food production? If you do it would be great to have you share your knowledge with the students.

**English**

English sessions will include T.H.R.A.S.S. activities, Spelling and Grammar, Reading, Writing and Listening Skills. This term in Level 3; students will focus their writing on narrative and persuasive writing. During persuasive writing lessons the focus will be on using persuasive techniques, such as rhetorical questions and using emotive language. Narrative writing will focus on the development of characters, settings and plots. During grammar lessons attention will be paid to parts of speech, including common nouns, proper nouns, collective nouns, adverbs verb and adjectives. In reading sessions, we are focusing on establishing good fluency-expression, pace and comprehension by using punctuation correctly.

**Specialists**

- **Art:** Wednesday
- **Sport:** Friday
- **Music:** Wednesday
- **Garden:** Friday
- **Dance:** Tuesday
- **Italian:** Wednesday
- **Library:** Tuesday
Maths

Throughout this unit of inquiry, the major focus will be on place value, skip counting and number. We will be extending the students by looking at the values of different digits (7) up to millions and behind the decimal point to thousandths (3 decimal point places).

We will also be linking data with the current unit of inquiry. We will explore how to collect, read and analyse data. Students will collect data, organise it into categories and create displays using lists, tables and simple column graphs.

We will continue the Maths Mastery program on a Monday morning from 9am to 10am. The students were given a pre-test in week one and then placed in one of five groups. Mr Smethurst will be joining the Level 3 teachers in these lessons. Students will focus on the Number strand for terms 1 and 2.

Mathletics is now up and running, all students have been given their usernames and passwords. Mathletics will feature in the homework regularly.

Homework

Homework will be given out on a Friday and will be due back the following Thursday, it will include an English and a Maths focus each week. In addition students should be reading every night and practising their times tables and spelling every week.

School Essential Agreement

To create consistency across the whole school, every class has agreed to the same essential agreement.

It includes:

- Listen to and follow directions.
- Raise your hand before speaking or leaving your seat.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- Respect your classmates, your teacher and all property.

ICT Agreement

Kingston Heath Primary has an ICT acceptable use agreement that students and parents agree to if students are to access the internet school and/or use school digital technology.

The purpose of this policy is to protect students online, teach them to safely use digital technologies and to ensure that equipment is looked after so that all students can benefit from the digital technologies provided by the school.

When using digital technologies students must communicate respectfully, avoid using personal information online and look after themselves and others by ensuring that what they do online is purely educational and is not harmful to their wellbeing or the wellbeing of others.