



CLASS 1JP

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE STUDYING THIS HALF TERM...

MY LOCAL AREA

WHERE I LIVE

Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

Stories from familiar settings by the same author- 'Grandad Island' and 'Grandma Bird' written by Benji Davies.

We will also use cross curricular reading and writing during topic lessons.

During literacy your child will be focusing on grammar, punctuation, guided reading and phonics.

Science

In Science our main topic for this half term is 'Animals including humans'. The children will learn more about animals, with a particular focus on how to care for pets and other animals in different ways. The children will learn the basic identification of animals, through to how animals and pets grow. They will discover the basics of genetics, by studying characteristics that animals gain from their parents. This will give the children a really good understanding of different species and will also encourage care and preservation of animals.

Computing

During computing lessons the children will be using a website called Purple Mash. It is a creative online space where the children can access a range of exciting curriculum focused activities. The children will be learning how to log on and off, open and save their work. The children will also be learning about e-safety as they learn how to search safely and how to add pictures and text to their work.

PE

PE Kits should be brought into school every Monday and taken home to be washed every Friday. PE lessons will usually take place on Monday afternoons. During this half term the children will be focusing on ball skills. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T Shirt. as well as their outdoor kit. Trainers are also required on this day as, wherever possible, PE lessons will take place outside.

Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

Place Value

Addition and Subtraction

Your child will also be learning relevant number facts. I would appreciate any support you can provide with this at home. Information will follow shortly.

Geography

As Geographers the children will be using simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of our school, its grounds and the key human & physical features of its surrounding environment. The children will learn to use simple compass directions and locational and directional language to describe the location of features and routes on a map. The children will have the opportunity to learn about significant historical events, people and places in their own locality. The children will present information in a range of different written styles.

R.E.

In RE we will be thinking about 'Who am I? What does it mean to belong?' The children will learn that some people belong to faith groups and they will find out about some symbols of 'belonging' used in Christianity and other religions. The children will be exploring the idea that everyone is valuable and we will be using stories from the Bible to help us understand how all people are important to God.

Music

In music the children will learn about the differences between pulse, rhythm and pitch and to learn how to rap and enjoy it in its original form.

Art/DT

In Art and DT the children will explore different ways of drawing lines when joining one point to another. The children will learn how to create patterns by using repetition and experiment with a variety of mark making and materials. The children will have the opportunity to imitate and create art in the style of Paul Klee.

Home Reading

Home reading books will be sent home to support our new Read Write Inc Phonics and reading programme. Please sign the reading record when you have read these with your child and return them to school each day.

If you have any concerns that you need to discuss with me or Mrs Acey, please email me on jpver@stjameshull.co.uk or ring the school office if it is urgent.