ST JAMES' Church of England ACADEMY

SUMMER TERM 1

CLASS 3MW

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

GREEKS - WHO INVENTED THE OLYMPICS?

Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Suspense writing
- Letter writing
- Persuasive letter writing

The children will also be developing their grammar, punctuation and inference skills.

Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Measuring equivalent lengths
- Comparing lengths
- Adding and subtracting lengths
- Measuring and calculating perimeter
- Recognising a half, a quarter and a third.
- To be able to count in fractions.

We will be focusing on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables, as well as revisiting and consolidating the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
Your support at home with helping your children to learn their times tables will be greatly appreciated.

Science

In Science we will be focusing on 'Plants. We will be exploring the amazing parts of the flower head and labelling these.
The children will be identifying and labelling the different parts of plants and their functions.
We will also be investigating the plants life cycle, as well as the impotance of germination.

History

In History we will be focusing on answering the question 'Who invented the Olympics?' Your children will have the opportunity to investigate the lives of the Ancient Greeks by using primary and secondary resources. We will be researching the Ancient Greek Olympics and comparing them to Modern Day Olympics. The children will be presenting information in a variety of written styles.

R.E.

In R.E the children will be focusing on 'What it is like to follow God?' This will be linked to the story of Noah's Ark. The children will be able to explain the importance of trust and promise, linking this back to the Bible.
We will also be explaining why God's promises are important to Christians.

Music

In music children will be exploring the pulse and rhythm of a piece of music by listening to different songs and playing instruments.

Art/DT

Our Art and DT lessons will be linked to our History topic of the Ancient Greeks.
The children will have the opportunity to research Greek Vases. The children will also be developing their artistic skills by recreating Greek Vases. This allows the children to focus on art from different time periods and develop their own artistic skills.

Computing/French

In computing we will be using Purple Mash and Google Classroom. We will focus on Coding, such as using timers and designing/making an interactive scene. ICT lessons will have a large emphasis on the importance of E-Safety.
The children will continue to have the brilliant opportunity of learning French with a specialist language teacher.

PE

In PE the children will be focusing on developing their skills following our Real PE units. PE Kits should be brought into school every Monday and taken home to be washed every Friday. PE lessons will take place on Tuesday afternoons. 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.

Home Reading

Home reading books will be sent home to support our Read Write Inc Phonics and reading programme, as well as books to encourage children to share stories with you and read for pleasure.
Please discuss these with your child and sign their reading record daily and return them to school each day.

Homework

Times table books will be handed out each week. A times table test will be completed every Monday. Your continued support in preparing for the test is gratefully appreciated.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be focusing on 'Relationships.' This will cover expressing appreciation of family and friends, as well as the awareness of how our choices affect others.

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