

# CLASS 3MW

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



## THROUGH THE AGES

### Literacy

In Literacy we will be focusing on the text 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. This text will link to our Through the Ages history topic. As a class we will be writing a narrative about the boy in the story that has found himself in a Stone Age world. The children will be focusing on developing their vocabulary while writing a setting and character description from the story. The children will be developing their inference skills, along with their grammar, vocabulary and punctuation skills.

### Science

In Science we will be focusing on 'Animal nutrition and skeletal systems.' The children will learn about the importance of nutrition for humans and other animals. They will learn about the role of a skeleton and muscles and identify animals with different types of skeleton. We will be focusing on a healthy, balanced diet and sorting foods into the five food groups. This will support them in completing practical experiments to investigate the fattiness of different foods.

### 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.

### 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. Each child will be entered into a reading challenge where they must read at least 3 times each week.

### PSHE

In PSHE we will be collectively working on 'Being me in my World.' This will cover having a positive attitude to our learning.

### Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Place Value
- Reading and writing numbers up to 1000
- Counting in 50's
- Written addition and subtraction methods with 2 and 3 digit numbers.

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.

### Geography

In Geography we will be focusing on Our Planet, Our World. The children will be learning about the essential skills they need to locate countries and cities. We will be focusing on the Earth and plate tectonics. The children will be learning about significant places in the United Kingdom and they will be able recognise the human and physical features of our world.

### History

In History we will be focusing on the Stone Age and Bronze Age. As historians we will be learning about the people during the Stone Age period, their lives and how they evolved over time. We will be focusing on the similarities and differences during this period using inference skills, source work and chronology.

### Music

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

### Computing/French

In computing we will be focusing on the importance of E-Safety and creating posters. The children will be understanding computing systems and how digital devices work.

The children will have a brilliant opportunity to learn French with a specialist language teacher.

### 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.

### Art/DT

Our Art lessons will be focusing on contrasting and complementing colours. The children will be learning about and experimenting with the colour theory and mixing different colours.

In DT the children will be learning to cook and eat well. We will focus on the importance of a healthy, balanced diet and use this knowledge to make a taco filling.

### 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 of plain black joggers and black jumper. Trainers are also required on this day.

**If you have any concerns that you need to discuss with me, please email me at [m.worrall@stj.hslt.academy](mailto:m.worrall@stj.hslt.academy) or ring the school office if it is urgent.**