

# CLASS 3MW

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

## OUR PLANET, OUR WORLD



### Literacy

In Literacy we will be focusing on the text 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. As a class we will be focusing on using appropriate vocabulary and using different grammatical features.

We will also be focusing on non-narrative writing as the children will be completing a newspaper article. The children will be developing their inference skills, along with their grammar, vocabulary and punctuation skills in reading activities.

### Science

In Science we will be focusing on 'Animal nutrition and skeletal systems.' They will learn about the role of a skeleton and muscles and identify animals with different types of skeletons. We will be focusing on the skeletal system and naming the different bones in the body, as well as the purpose of the skeleton. The children will be identifying what joints and muscles are and how they are used in the body.

### R.E.

In R.E. we will be focusing on 'What are the deeper meanings of festivals?' As a class we will be identifying the main beliefs at the heart of religious festivals. We will also be commemorating Remembrance Day and why it is so important that we remember.

### 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 'Celebrating Difference.' This will cover celebrating the differences in everybody's families. We will also be learning how to read other people's emotions and resolving conflict.

### Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Using the column method for addition and subtraction with 2 and 3 digit numbers.
- Applying our knowledge of addition and subtraction to word problems and reasoning.
- Multiplying and dividing by 3, 4 and 8.
- Short multiplication using 1 and 2 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 Bronze Age and Iron Age. As historians we will be learning about the people during this historical period, their lives and how they evolved over time. We will be focusing on the similarities and differences during these periods 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 also 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 prehistoric pots. This project teaches children about Bell Beaker pottery. It allows the children to explore different clay techniques, which they will use to make and decorate a Bell Beaker-style pot.

In DT the children will continue to learn about cooking and eating 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.**