



# CLASS 2MW

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

## MONARCHS



### Reading

The children will be following the Read Write Inc programme to support their phonics and develop their fluency of reading.

As a class we will be focusing on the text 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King-Smith. The children will develop reading aloud skills and becoming a fluent reader with growing comprehension skills. The children will learn about unusual spelling patterns and tricky words as well as expanding their vocabulary by discussing new words that they come across in their reading.

### Science

In Science the children will be learning about 'Human Survival.' The children will learn about life cycles by identifying the stages and processes of how humans change over time. We will learn about what humans need to stay healthy by learning about the different food groups and what constitutes a good diet and they will be able to use their research skills to identify balanced diets. The children will be able to investigate whether they can improve their fitness over time and be able to identify the four types of exercise; aerobic, strengthening, stretching and balance.

### R.E.

In R.E the children will be focusing on 'Who am I, what does it mean to belong?' The children will be able to recognise that loving others is important in lots of communities and they will have the opportunity to discuss stories of people who belong to groups, as well as identify the groups they themselves belong to. The children will find out about what happens at a traditional Christian welcoming ceremony and then make comparisons with the Muslim naming ceremony - Aqiqah.

### 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 (Jigsaw) we will be collectively working on 'Being me in my World.' This will cover how to help others and the importance of caring about other people's feelings, as well as understanding their rights and responsibilities.

### Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

Place Value

- Numbers from 20 - 100
- Counting in 2s, 5s, 10s
- Count in 3s
- Recognising 10s and 1s and partitioning numbers to 100

Addition and subtraction

- Number bonds to 10
- Adding three 1 - digit numbers
- Subtracting two 2 - digit numbers
- Mixed addition and subtraction
- Missing number problems

We will be focusing on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Your support at home with helping your children to learn their times tables will be greatly appreciated.

### History

During History lessons the children will learn about the English and British monarchy and answer the enquiry question 'What impact did our significant sovereigns have?' The children will learn about what a monarch is and about the reign of William the Conqueror as well as what Elizabeth II did during her time as Queen. The children will be able to use their skills as historians by using different historical sources, such as royal palaces and portraits, to understand the monarchs as well as using timelines.

### 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

In computing we will be focusing on computer systems and networks, looking at the IT around us as well as the importance of being safe online.

Year 2 will learn about how IT benefits society and how to be responsible when using technology.

### Art

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 Personal skills. PE lessons will usually be on a Wednesday.

PE kits should be brought into school every Monday and taken home to be washed every Friday. 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.**