

# CLASS 1JD

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

## OUR WONDERFUL WORLD



### Literacy

During the Read Write Inc lessons your child will be focusing on phonics, guided reading, punctuation and grammar.

Your child will also have opportunities to read and write stories from familiar settings and explore different styles of poetry.

We will also use cross curricular reading and disciplinary writing during geography and science lessons.

### Science

In Science our main topic for this half term is 'Human Senses'. The children will learn that humans are a type of animal known as a mammal. The children will be learning to name and count body parts and identify similarities and differences. The children will also be learning about the senses, the body parts associated with each sense and their role in keeping us safe.

### Computing

During computing lessons the children will learn to use a range of tools when using a digital painting program. The children will then use the tools to create their own digital paintings, while gaining inspiration from a range of artists work. The children will be considering their preferences when painting with and without the use of digital devices.

### P.E

PE Kits should be brought into school every Monday and taken home to be washed every Friday. PE lessons will usually take place on **Wednesday** afternoons. During this half term the children will be taking part in 'Real PE' which is made up of different PE units. The second unit is called 'Social'. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white t-shirt. Trainers and outdoor kit are also required on this day as, wherever possible, PE lessons will take place outside.

### Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Addition and Subtraction
- Shape

Your child will also be learning relevant number facts. I would appreciate any support you can provide with this at home. Information to help is available on the school website.

### Geography

In Geography our project for this half term is 'Our Wonderful World'. This project teaches children about physical and human features, maps, cardinal compass points, and positional and directional language. They will be introduced to settlements of the United Kingdom. The children will carry out simple fieldwork to find out about local physical and human features.

### RE

In RE we will be thinking about 'Why does Christmas matter?' We will be exploring the stories of Jesus's birth and life. The children will discuss and decide what they are thankful for at Christmas.

### DT

In DT our project for this half term is 'Chop, Slice and Mash'. This project teaches the children about sources of food and the preparatory skills of peeling, tearing, slicing, chopping, mashing and grating. They will use their knowledge and skills to design and make their own sandwich.

### Home Reading

Home reading books will be sent home to support our 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.** Home reading books are changed every Friday,

### Music

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

**If you have any concerns that you need to discuss, please email on [j.duck@stj.hslt.academy](mailto:j.duck@stj.hslt.academy) or [d.lyons@stj.hslt.academy](mailto:d.lyons@stj.hslt.academy) or ring the school office if it is urgent.**