

CLASS 3LW

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

WHY DO PEOPLE VISIT OTHER PLACES AND WHAT IMPACT



DOES IT HAVE?

Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division

We will be focusing on learning the 3, 4 and 8 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 continuing to focus on 'Animal nutrition and the skeletal system including humans'.

The children will be looking at how we can choose the right foods to eat for a balanced diet. We will also look what a heart really is and what it does for our bodies.

R.E.

In R.E the children will be focusing on 'What are the deeper meanings of festivals?'. The class will be identifying the main beliefs behind different religious festivals and how they are celebrated.

The children will also be comparing these festivals by looking at the similarities and differences of how they are celebrated.

Home Reading

Home reading books will be sent home daily for the children to continue to develop their reading skills, 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 with at least 3 reads by every **Friday**.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be focusing on 'Celebrating Difference'. As a class we will be looking at different family dynamics, what makes people different and how we can appreciate individuality.

Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Character description
- Setting description
- Narrative

We will be focusing on the text 'The Legend of Podkin One-Ear' by Kieran Larwood. As a class we will be writing a character description of 'The Gorm' an evil character from the story. As well as this, we will be writing our own part of the story whilst predicting what will happen next. The children will also be developing their grammar and punctuation skills throughout.

Geography

In geography we will be focusing on the question 'Why do people visit other places and what impact does it have?' The children will be looking at tourism in York, why people visit and then comparing it to other places in Europe.

Music

In music children will be exploring the pulse and rhythm of a piece of music by listening to different songs. They will also be learning to improvise using singing and playing instruments.

Computing/Spanish

In Computing we will be continuing to focus on computing systems and networks.. ICT lessons will also have a large emphasis on the importance of E-Safety.

The children will also have the opportunity to learn Spanish.

Homework

Times table books and spellings books will be handed out each week. A times table test and spelling test will be completed on a **Monday**. Your continued support in preparing for these tests are gratefully appreciated.

D&T

In design and technology we will be focusing on 'Cook Well, Eatwell'. The class will be learning about the 5 key food groups needed for a healthy diet. They will also be planning and cooking their own recipes based on a set brief.

PE

In PE the children will be focusing on developing their skills.

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. Trainers are also required on this day.

If you have any concerns that you need to discuss with me, please email me at I.waites1@stj.hslt.academy or call the school office if it is urgent.