

CADEMY THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS YOUR CHILD WILL BE STUDYING THIS HALF TERM





How does climate effect physical environments around the world?

Literacy

Our class text in Literacy, this half term, will be Beowulf, by Michael Morpurgo

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Main areas of study will be:

- Character description
- Setting descriptions
- Diary writing
- Biography writing

Also, during literacy, your child will be focusing on developing their reading and comprehension skills, sentence structure, grammar, spellings and handwriting.

Science

In science our main topic will be Earth and Space. This project teaches the children about our Solar System and its spherical celestial bodies. They describe the movements of the Earth and the other planets relative to the Sun, the Moon relative to Earth, and the Earth's rotation in order to explain day and night.

ICT

During ICT we will look at internet safety. We will also be learning how to use Google Classroom and the workings of a range of different computer systems.

D.T

In D.T we will be looking at the seasonality of food. This project teaches children about the meaning and benefits of seasonal eating, including food preparation and cooking techniques. During our lessons we will be making pizzas and soup.

Homework

Homework will consist of spellings and maths challenges. The spellings will be sent home via email each Friday and a spelling test will follow on the next Friday. Maths challenges and spelling, grammar and punctuation activities will also be set on Purplemash and spag.com. Links to these will be sent out each Friday on our weekly activities sheet. Main areas of study:

- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions
- Problem solving

Also, we will continue to focus on the quick recall of all of the times tables. Please encourage your child to continue to learn these at home too.

Numeracy

Geography

In geography we will be looking at how climate affects environments around the world.

This project teaches children about climate zones and their interconnection with vegetation belts and biomes found around the world. Children will study how climate affects the physical environments in Yorkshire, the Brazilian Rainforest and a region within the Arctic Circle.

RE

During RE we will be looking at how we can make our environment a respectful place to live. We will be looking at and celebrating differences between cultures and religions.

PE

PE lessons will focus on the theme 'Personal skills' and will usually take place on a Monday. Children will need their indoor kit of plain red shorts and white t-shirt, as well as their outdoor kit (plain black joggers and plain black sweatshirt) each week, as lessons will be taught outside where possible. They will also need their trainers on this day.

Music

During music lessons we will be using Charanga.com to develop our musical knowledge. We will be looking at different genres of music and different elements of music.

Home reading

Children will be given their reading books to take home daily. They should be encouraged to read a few pages every night, in order to progress up the class reading ladder, where they need to reach **5 reads each week.** Please discuss with your child what they have read before signing their reading record. Books need to be brought to school every day and they will be changed once read.

If you have any questions, please contact me on m.capes@stj.hslt.academy or contact the school office if urgent.