



# **CLASS 6MJ**

WELCOME BACK TO YEAR 6. THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE STUDYING THIS HALF TERM.

## THE BENIN / FROZEN KINGDOMS



#### **Maths**

Literacy

Our main areas of study will be;

- Fractions
- Ratio
- Algebra

Your child will also be using their times tables and other mathematical knowledge to further develop their skills in problem solving.

Our main areas of writing will be based around the nonfiction text 'Suffragettes' by David Roberts and will cover:

- Information Texts
- Fictional writing
- We will also be developing our reading and writing through our History and Geography learning

Also during literacy your child will be focussing on sentence punctuation, spelling and handwriting. We will be reading the book 'The Little Match Girl Strikes Back' by Emma Carroll.

## **Geography and History**

In History, we will be looking into the subject of the ancient civilisation of the Benin Kingdom and looking into how this compares to the United Kingdom during the same period. Our geography unit for the Spring term is 'Frozen Kingdoms', where we will be looking into the Arctic and Antarctica, the wildlife found in each and comparing the two.

#### Science

In Science we will continue learning about electrical circuits. During these sessions, we will be creating circuits and also creating an alarm system from what we have learned. We will, wherever possible, participate in practical science lessons.

#### Art / DT

In our art lessons, we will be looking at 'Inuit' art, creating pieces in the style of artists who lived in the frozen kingdoms. In DT, we will be looking at 'Food for Life' where we will look at making healthy food choices and also create our own foods.

# **PSHE**

In PSHE we will be looking at the topic: 'Dreams and Goals' where we will be learning about how to set realistic but challenging goals for ourselves. We will also look into how we can support others with their challenges.

### PE / Music

Our PE lessons will take place on a Monday afternoon. All children look very smart in their PE kit of plain red shorts, plain white t-shirt and trainers. In Music, the children will be learning 'The New Year's Carol' by Benjamin Britten on the musical platform

Charanga.

## Computing/ **Spanish**

In computing lessons we will learn about using different computer systems, as well as have a focus on keeping safe online.

We will also continue our Spanish lessons, focusing on words and simple phrases.

In R.E. we will be asking ourselves 'How do Christians decide and what would Jesus do?'. The children will also read and investigate Bible passages during our collective worship.

## Spellings/Times Tables

Spellings will be set on a Monday. A short test will be carried out the following Friday. The children will be given times tables tests throughout the week.

#### **Home Reading**

Children will be given their reading books to take home daily. They should be encouraged to read a few pages every night and need to bring their reading record back to school each day. Please discuss with your child what they have read before signing their reading record book. Books will be changed when they have completed the text.

#### Finally...

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at m.jowett@stj.hslt.academy or telephone the school office on 825091. Thank you.