



# CLASS 5MC



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

## Literacy

This half term, we will be focusing on the text 'The Sleeper and the Spindle' by Neil Gaiman. We will also be looking at reports linked to our history and geography learning. During literacy lessons, your child will also be focusing on developing their skills with sentence structure, grammar, spellings and handwriting.

### Art/DT

This term we will be looking at a mixed media project teaching children about paper crafts, paper making and collage techniques, using a range of different materials. They will then use their learning to create a final piece of small-scale, mixed media collage.

In DT we will be investigating pneumatic machines, looking at how they are designed and evaluating their performance.

## Science

In Science our main topic will be looking at Reproduction and Ageing. This project teaches children about animal life cycles, including the human life cycle. They explore human growth and development to old age.

### Music

During music lessons the children will continue to learn how to play the Glockenspiel and use their instrument to create accompaniments. We will use the music platform Charanga to enhance our performance skills.

### PE

Our PE lessons will be on a **Monday**. These will be outside wherever possible so your child will need their PE Kit of plain red shorts and plain white t-shirt, as well as their black outdoor kit with a pair of trainers.

**If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me on [m.capes@stj.hslt.academy](mailto:m.capes@stj.hslt.academy) or contact the school office if it is urgent.**

## Numeracy

Main areas of study:

- Decimals
- Percentages
- Perimeter and area
- Statistics
- 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.

## Geography

In Geography we will be looking at farming in the UK and USA. This project gives the children the opportunity to learn all about the features and characteristics of land use in agricultural regions across the world.

## History

In History we are looking at how Britain was effected by the Second World War, in particular how the home front helped the war effort.

### RE

During RE we will be looking at what Christians believe Jesus did to save human beings. We will use Bible reference and Biblical texts to support our learning.

### Homework

Home work will be set each Friday on [spag.com](http://spag.com) and on [TTrockstars](http://TTrockstars). This needs to be completed by the following Thursday.

## Reading / Home Reading

Our reading text is called 'Sir Garwain and the Green Knight' by Michael Morpugo. Each week we will read a new chapter and complete comprehension questions. Children will be given their home reading books to take home daily. They should be encouraged to read a few pages every night. Please discuss with your child what they have read before signing their reading record. Reading records need to be brought into school each day, so your child can progress on the class challenge of reading **5 times each week**.