





# **CLASS 2MW**

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

# **HOW DID WOMEN CHANGE**

# Reading/Writing THE WORLD?

Numeracy

The children will continue to follow the Read Write Inc programme to support their phonics and develop their fluency of reading.

As a class we will be focusing on the text 'Cakes in Space' by the author Philip Reeve. The children will develop reading aloud skills and work at becoming a fluent reader with growing comprehension skills. In writing the children will be developing their grammatical skills by creating pieces of writing based on the text 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward.

# Science

In Science the children will be learning about 'Animal Survival.' The children will learn about the growth in animals by exploring the life cycles of some familiar animals. They will focus on the basic needs of animal survival including food, water, air and shelter. The children will use their scientific skills to identify and classify animals that are invertebrates and vertebrates. Using their knowledge of animal survival the children will then be able understand human impacts and whether humans harm or help habitats.

In R.E the children will be focusing on 'Who is Muslim and what do they believe?' The children will learn about how Muslims believe in Allah and identify their beliefs about God. The children will be able to discuss that Muslims go to a Mosque to worship Allah and learn that the Muslim holy book is called the Quran. We will then be able to re-tell the life of the Prophet Muhammad and how Muslims use the stories about the Prophet to guide their beliefs and actions, such as fasting during Ramadan.

# **Home Reading**

Home reading books will be sent home to support our Read Write Inc Phonics and reading programme, 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 each day. Each child will be entered into a reading challenge where they must read at least 3 times each week.

### **PSHE**

In PSHE (Jigsaw) we will be learning about 'Relationships.' The children will develop their knowledge of skills about how to make friends and how to solve friendship problems when they occur. The children will learn that every family is different and the importance of sharing and cooperating with others.

Our main areas of study will be:

- Fractions equal and unequal parts; finding and recognising a half, third, quarter, three quarters and the equivalence of a half and two quarters.
- Time O'clock and half past; quarter past and quarter to and telling the time to 5 minutes.
- Statistics tables, pictograms and block diagrams.

We will be focusing on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Your support at home with helping your children to learn their times tables will be greatly appreciated.

# History/Geography

In History the children will learn about historically significant women who have had an impact on the world and people's lives today. This will include the suffragettes Rosa Parks and Lillian Bilocca. They will learn to use historical sources to find out about these significant women and explore their significance.

In Geography the children will be answering the question 'What are the similarities and differences between Bridlington and Byron Bay?' These lessons will focus on developing children's knowledge of coastlines. They will explore the human features of coastal areas, including how tourists are attracted to visiting the coast. They will carry out a detailed exploration of the coastal town of Bridlington and compare this to Byron Bay.

#### Music

This term the children will have a great opportunity to be taught how to create music using Glockenspiels by a specialist music teacher.

# Computing

In computing we will be focusing on the importance of E-Safety and the use of Pictograms. The children will be introduced to the term 'data' and progress into presenting data in a pictogram and also block diagrams.

# Art/DT

In Art the children will be focusing on the project 'Flower Head.' The project will focus on the visual elements of flowers, such as shape, texture, colour and pattern. They will explore different artistic methods such as drawing and printmaking, In Design and Technology the children will be developing their skills throughout the project of 'Cut, Stitch and Join.' The children will be focusing on the brand 'Cath Kidston' and observing the characteristics of the brand. They will then investigate ways in which fabrics are joined and fastened.

#### PE

In PE the children will be focusing on developing their Physical skills. PE lessons will now usually be on a **Friday**. PE kits should be brought into school every Monday and taken home to be washed every Friday. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T Shirt, as well as their outdoor kit of plain black joggers and black jumper. Trainers are also required on this day.

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