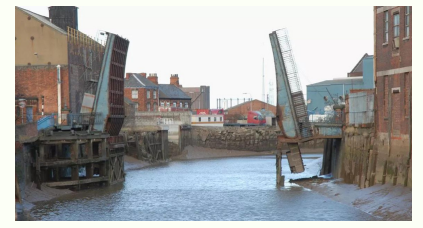




THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE STUDYING DURING THIS HALF TERM.

THE RIVER HULL & EARTHQUAKES AND TSUNAMIS



Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Fractions
- Mass and Capacity
- Money

We will also be continuing to focus 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 focusing on the topic 'Plant nutrition and reproduction.' As a class we will be identifying the different functions of parts of flowering plants, exploring what plants need to grow and investigating the way in which water is transported within plants. We will also be looking at the role of flowers in the life cycle of a plant.

R.E.

In R.E the children will be focusing on the question of 'When Jesus left, what next?'

In this unit the class will be learning about the impact of Pentecost and what happened after Jesus' death. We will also be looking at the different celebrations that happen within churches across the world for Pentecost.

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 'Relationships'. As a class we will be looking at family relationships, how to treat others and show respect to family and friends and how to be a good citizen.

Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Narrative writing
- Setting descriptions
- Diary Writing

We will be focusing on the text 'The Mystery of Harris Burdick' by Chris Van Allsburg. The children will also be developing their grammar and punctuation skills throughout this unit.

History/Geography

In History we will look at the topic 'Hull Maritime' whilst focusing on the question 'What impact did the growth of the maritime industry have on Hull?' The children will be looking at how the docks and fishing industry impacted Hull.

In Geography we will look at the topic 'Earthquakes and Tsunamis'. They will learn about their features, how they are formed and the impact they have.

Music

In Music the children will be focusing on the song 'Bringing us together'. We will listen and appraise different songs and use our voices to sing.

Computing/Spanish

In Computing we will be focusing on Branching Databases. ICT lessons will also have a large emphasis on the importance of E-Safety.

The children will also have the opportunity to continue 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, books will also be due into school on this day.** Your continued support in preparing for these tests are gratefully appreciated.

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

Art / DT

In art we will be looking at the topic 'Beautiful Botanicals.' As a class we will be making observations of different types of plants and fruits and creating detailed paintings and prints based on these.

In DT we will be looking at the topic 'Greenhouse' where the class will learn about the purpose and design features of a greenhouse and then design their own mini greenhouse.

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 as whenever possible, PE will take place outside.