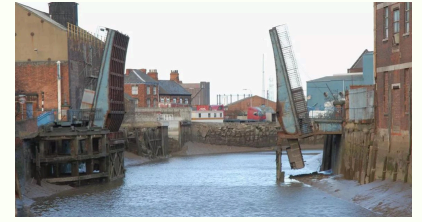




THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE STUDYING DURING THIS HALF TERM.

THE RIVER HULL & EARTHQUAKES AND TSUNAMIS



Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Money
- Time
- Shape

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 'Light and Shadow.' As a class we will be looking at how light can create shadows and how light can be reflected from different surfaces. The class will also learn about being safe with light and how and why the sun can cause damage to our eyes.

R.E.

In R.E the children will be focusing on the question of 'What is it like for someone to follow God?'

In this unit the class will be learning about different Bible stories such as the story of Noah and his ark. We will also look at the link between a Christian wedding ceremony and the idea of a covenant.

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 'Changing Me'. As a class we will be looking at how our bodies will be changing during puberty and how babies grow inside the mother's uterus.

Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Narrative writing
- Letter Writing
- Diary Writing

We will be focusing on the text 'Jim: A Cautionary Tale' by Hilaire Belloc. 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.

Art / DT

In art we will be continuing to look 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 continue 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.

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.