



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 "Curiosity", The story of the Mars rover. During literacy lessons, your child will also be focusing on developing their skills with sentence structure, grammar, spellings and handwriting.

Our Reading text for this half term is 'Letter's from the lighthouse' by Emma Carroll

Art/DT

This term we will be looking at the theme 'Expression'. This project teaches children about the Expressionist art movement and the 'Father of Expressionism', Edvard Munch. They explore different ways to portray feelings and emotions in art to create an imaginative self-portrait. While in D&T lessons we will look at different styles of Architecture.

Science

In Science our main topic will be looking at properties in materials. This project teaches children about the wider properties of materials and their uses. They learn about mixtures and how they can be separated using sieving, filtration and evaporation. They study reversible and irreversible changes, and use common indicators to identify irreversible changes.

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 or contact the school office if it is urgent.

Numeracy

Main areas of study:

- Decimals
- Negative numbers
- Measure

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 the different types of settlements in our local area. We will look at different types of land use and how these are shown on ordnance survey maps

History

In History we are looking at how attitudes to crime and punishment have changed from Roman times to modern day.

RE

During RE we will be looking at 'What it means to be Holy'.

Homework

Homework will be set each Friday on spag.com and on TTRockstars. This needs to be completed by the following Thursday.

Reading / Home Reading

Our reading texts are called 'Poems from the Second World War' and 'Letters from the lighthouse'. 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**.