



# CLASS 2MW

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

## LONDON - OUR CAPITAL CITY



### Reading/Writing

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

In writing we will be focusing on the texts 'The Journey Home' and the non-fiction text 'Dear Earth'. The children will develop their grammatical skills, as well as creating pieces of writing, such as posters, information reports, short stories and persuasive letters.

### Science

In Science the children will be learning about 'Animals and Survival.' The children will learn about what animals need to survive and the three basic needs of survival. Children will learn about the importance of a balanced diet and why exercise is important.

The children will be observing how different animals, including humans, grow; asking questions about the impact of exercise on the human body, what humans need to stay healthy and how easily germs spread.

### R.E.

In R.E the children will be focusing on 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' The children will learn about the gifts that God gave and the reasons why Christmas is an important holiday for Christians. The children will learn about the Christmas story and the role that Jesus played. We will be focusing on the important points of the story and the children will be able to recognise that Jesus' birth and life can be found in the new testament and Gospels.

### 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 working on 'Celebrating Difference.' This will cover accepting that everyone is different and how they can include others when working and playing. The children will focus on how to solve problems and the importance of using kind words.

### Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Subtract a 1-digit number from a 2 digit number
- 10 more, 10 less
- Add and subtract 10s
- Add and subtract two 2-digit numbers
- Compare number sentences
- Missing number problems
- Recognise 2-D and 3-D shapes
- Lines of symmetry
- Count the faces, edges and vertices of a 3D shape

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

During geography lessons the children will continue to learn about 'London - Our capital city' and answer the enquiry question 'How does London compare to Hull?' The children will learn about Hull and the ways in which they can recognise that it is a city. The children will learn about the significant landmarks of Hull and London. By the end of the learning the children will be able to compare what they know about Hull and London and identify the similarities and differences they have.

In History, we will continue to learn about monarchs and the significance different sovereigns have had. The children will learn about the changes that William the Conqueror made during his reign. They will also learn about Elizabeth II and the significant events that happened during her reign.

### Music

In music children will be exploring the pulse and rhythm of a piece of music by listening to different songs and playing instruments.

### Art/ D&T

In Design and Technology the children will be learning about 'Remarkable Recipes.' This includes learning about the sources of food and how to correctly and safely use tools for food preparation. They will discover how some foods are cooked and learn to read a simple recipe. In Art the children will continue to learn about primary and secondary colours, as well as creating art pieces by mixing colours.

### Computing

In computing we will be focusing on computer systems and networks, looking at the IT around us as well as the importance of being safe online. Year 2 will learn about how IT benefits society and how to be responsible when using technology.

### PE

In PE the children will be focusing on developing their skills. PE lessons will usually be on a **Monday**.

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. This term our PE lessons will focus on developing dance skills.

**If you have any concerns that you need to discuss with me, please email me at [m.worrall@stj.hsl.academy](mailto:m.worrall@stj.hsl.academy) or ring the school office if it is urgent.**