



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



THROUGH THE AGES & TOURISM

Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Length and perimeter
- Addition and Subtraction
- Problem Solving

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 'The ground beneath our feet.' As a class we will be looking at rocks and fossils focusing on what they are, how they are formed and the different types of rock.

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 and importance of following God.

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 Friday.**

Please can Reading records be brought into school on a **Wednesday** so we can **monitor the children's reading.**

PSHE

In PSHE we will be focusing on 'Celebrating Difference'. As a class we will be looking at different family dynamics, how to appreciate the people around us and raise awareness of bullying.

Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Narrative writing
- Recount
- Brochure writing

We will be continuing to focus on the text 'The Barnabus Project' by Devin Fan. The children will also be developing their grammar and punctuation skills throughout this unit.

History/Geography

In History we will continue with the topic 'Through the Ages' whilst focusing on the question 'How did life change between the Stone Age and the Iron Age?' The children will be looking at how life changes due to inventions and technological advancement. In Geography we will continue to look at the topic 'Tourism'. They will learn about why tourism is important and the different types.

Music

In music the children will be learning about the language of music and developing our rhythmic skills through playing the glockenspiel.

Art / DT

In art we will be continuing with the topic 'Compare and Contrast.' As a class we will be looking at water colours, colour mixing and discuss paintings and artists.

Computing/Spanish

In Computing we will be focusing on Computing systems and networks. Computing 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.

In DT we will be looking at the topic 'Cook Well, Eat Well'. We will look at balanced diets and look at different cooking methods.

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.

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. This term we will be focusing in developing dance skills.

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