



# CLASS 1JD

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

## Literacy

During the Read Write Inc lessons your child will be focusing on phonics, guided reading, punctuation and grammar.

During this half term your child will have opportunities to read and write stories from familiar settings as well as write posters and letters.

We will also use cross curricular reading and disciplinary writing during geography, history and science lessons.

## Science

In Science we will explore the unit 'Amazing Animals'. This unit is designed to give pupils an opportunity to think about the similarities and differences between animals, using the five main categories of vertebrate animals: mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, and amphibians. The focus is on common animals that pupils may already have heard of.

## R.E.

In RE we will be thinking about 'Who is Jewish and how do they live?' The children find out about some of the features and practices of Judaism, explore some famous stories in the Torah, think about what it means to keep kosher and investigate how the Torah teaches and guides Jews in their daily lives.

## Computing

During computing lessons the children will be learning about 'Programming - Moving a Robot'. This unit will introduce learners to early programming concepts. Learners will explore using individual commands, both with other learners and as part of a computer program.

## PE

PE Kits should be brought into school every Monday and taken home to be washed every Friday. PE lessons will usually take place on Monday afternoons.

Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white t-shirt. This term we will be focussing on developing our gymnastic skills.

## Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Place Value (within 20)
- Addition and Subtraction (within 20)

Your child will also be learning relevant number facts. I would appreciate any support you can provide with this at home. Information to help is available on the school website.

## Geography

As geographers the children will be answering the enquiry question 'What is life like in the United Kingdom?' To help answer this question the children will learn about the physical and human characteristics of the United Kingdom, looking closely at the definition of a city alongside developing their knowledge of human geography further. Children will also look at weather patterns in the United Kingdom.

## History

As historians the children will be answering the enquiry question 'How has school life changed since the Victorian era?' To help answer this question the children will learn about schooling both today and in the past. They compare schooling in the Victorian era to their experiences today.

## Art

In Art the children will be completing the unit 'Rain and Sun rays' This project teaches children about collagraph printing, including how to develop a motif to make single and repeated prints.

## DT

In DT our topic is called 'Taxi'. The children will learn about wheels, axles and chassis. The children will use their new knowledge and will work together to design and make a moving vehicle.

## Home Reading

Home reading books will be sent home to support our Read Write Inc Phonics and reading programme. **Please sign the reading record when you have read these with your child and return them to school each day.** Home reading books are changed every Friday.

## Music

In music the learning is focused around one song: In The Groove. The children will be learning about different styles of music. There are six different styles: Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Folk and Funk. Each week the children will listen and learn a different style of In The Groove.

**If you have any concerns that you need to discuss with me, please email or ring the school office.**