



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 continue to 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 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?' We will be retelling the story of Easter and exploring the different ways that Christians show their beliefs about Jesus at Easter. We will spend time reflecting on the sadness of Easter but also on the happiness of how Jesus came back to life.

Computing

During computing lessons the children will be continuing to learn 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. as well as their outdoor kit.

Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Addition and subtraction
- Place Value (within 50)
- Length and Height

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 continuing to answer 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 continuing to answer 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. The children will have the opportunity to visit the 'Hands on History' museum for a Victorian school day experience.

Art

In Art the children will be completing the unit 'Rain and Sun rays'. In this project the children will continue to develop the skills linked to collagraph printing, will be developing a motif to make single and repeated prints.

DT

In DT the children will continue to learn about wheels, axles and chassis. The children will use their new knowledge and will work together to design and make a moving vehicle

Music

In music the learning is focused around one song: Round and Round. The children will be learning about different styles of music, these six different styles are: Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Folk and Funk. Each week the children will listen and learn a different style of Round and Round. The children will learn to find the pulse, rhythm and pitch in a range of songs.

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,

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