



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 labels and letters.

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

Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

*Place value

*Addition and subtraction

*Shape

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.

Science

In Science our main topic for this half term is 'Autumn & Winter'. During this topic the children will learn about the different seasons, and the changes to the weather in each season. We will explore what happens to the trees and plants outside, and look at how animals prepare for the colder months.

History

As Historians the children will continue to learn words and phrases related to the passage of time. They will explore artefacts to help them to understand childhood in the past and how childhood has changed over time. They will explore the six stages of life and explore timelines and will use maps to explore how places have changed over time and highlight any similarities or differences.

Geography

In Geography our project for this term will be 'Our Wonderful World'. This project teaches children about physical and human features, maps, cardinal compass points, and positional and directional language. They are introduced to settlements of the United Kingdom. The children will carry out simple fieldwork to find out about local physical and human features

Computing

During computing lessons the children will learn to use a range of tools when using a digital painting program. The children will then use the tools to create their own digital paintings, while gaining inspiration from a range of artists' work. The children will also be learning about how to use computers and online resources safely.

R.E.

In RE we will be thinking about the question, 'Who do Christians say made the world?' The children will discuss how they think God created the world.

Art / D&T

In Art our topic is 'Mix It'. During this topic the children will learn about basic colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing. In D&T our topic is 'Chop, Slice and Mash'. The children will learn about how to chop, slice and mash different fruits and vegetables.

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 **Wednesday** afternoons. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white t-shirt. This term we will be focusing on our dance skills.

Music

During the music sessions the children will learn all about the differences between pulse, rhythm and pitch and learn how to rap and enjoy it in its original form

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, please speak to Mrs Duck or Mrs Lyons at the end of the day, or contact the school office if it is urgent.