



SPRING TERM 1 CLASS 2BS

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



Reading/Literacy

The children will be following the Read Write Inc programme to support their phonics and develop their fluency of reading. In Literacy, we will be focusing on the texts of 'The Bear and the Piano' by Litchfield and the poem of 'Owl and the Pussycat' by Edward Lear. The children will be developing their grammatical skills, as well as creating a range of writing including letters, information posters and writing in role.

Science

In Science the children will be learning about 'Habitats'. The children will start to understand and think about the difference between objects that are living, dead or have never lived. The children will be observing and understanding about the different habitats where you will find different animals and plants. We will also be comparing the Arctic to the Sahara.

R.E.

In R.E, the children will be focusing on 'Who is Muslim and what do they believe?'. The children will be learning about the different Muslim celebrations and when they will be celebrated. We will be developing an understanding of what happens during each of these celebrations, when they are celebrated and why these are celebrated.

Music

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

Home Reading

Home reading books will be sent home to support our Read, Write, Inc. Phonics and reading programmes, 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 'Dreams and Goals'. This will cover how to develop perseverance, how to work well with others, how to have a positive attitude and how to help others and themselves achieve their goals.

If you have any concerns that you need to discuss, please speak to me at the end of the day or contact the school office at: hello@stj.hlt.academy or ring the school office if it is urgent.

Maths

Our main areas of study include:

Money:

- Counting money using pence and pounds.
- Counting money using notes and coins.
- Comparing amounts of money.
- Making a pound.

Multiplication and Division:

- Recognising, making and adding equal groups
- Understanding the multiplication symbol
- Making equal groups - grouping and sharing
- x2 times-table
- Doubling and halving
- Odd and even numbers.

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

In History, we will be exploring our local topic of 'Beverley Gate', whilst focusing on the question 'Why was Beverley Gate a significant place in Hull's history?'. The children will be exploring what life was like in the 17th century and how it looked in Hull, understanding about why cities need walls and gates and why Hull was an important place during the 17th century.

In Geography, the children will be learning about coastlines and answering the enquiry question 'How is erosion affecting the Holderness Coast?'. The children will learn about where the UK is and what is around the UK, how a compass helps geographers and what is coastal erosion and how this is affecting the Holderness Coast.

Art/D&T

In Art, the children will be exploring the topic of portraits and poses. We will be analysing the portraits of Tudor monarchs and comparing these to the portraits of today. In DT, we will be designing and creating our very own beach huts. During this topic, we will be developing an understanding of how to use saws and glue guns safely and correctly to create our very own beach huts.

Computing

In Computing, the children will be looking at how giving instructions and commands can affect the outcome and we will also be designing algorithms. The children will learn about the importance of being safe online. The children will develop an understanding about how IT benefits society and how to be responsible when using technology.

PE

PE lessons will usually be on a **Wednesday** where the children will be developing their gymnastic skills. PE kits should be brought into school. Children will need plain red shorts and a plain white T-shirt.