



SUMMER 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 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward. The children will be developing their grammatical skills, as well as creating letters of advice, descriptions, letters in role and their own version of the dragon story.

Science

In Science, the children will be learning about 'Protecting the Environment'. The children will start to understand and think about the dangers that can occur to the local environment and the animals in it, why recycling is important, how we can save water, how we can be energy efficient with electricity, why trees are important and what difference we can make at home and school.

R.E.

In R.E. the children will be focusing on 'Who am I and what does it mean to belong?' The children will be exploring what it means to belong to a family, a Christian community, a Muslim community and a Jewish community and symbols of belonging.

Music

In Music, children will be having a lesson with a specialist teacher on a Monday afternoon. The children will continue to explore the pulse and rhythm of a piece of music.

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 'Relationships'. This will cover different families, keeping safe, friends and conflict, secrets, trust and appreciation and celebrating special relationships by looking at what makes a good relationship.

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:

Mass, capacity and temperature:

- Measuring in grams and kilograms
- Measuring millilitres and litres
- Temperature

Fractions:

- Equal and unequal parts
- Recognising and finding a half, quarter, third and three-quarters
- Finding a whole
- Unit and non-unit fractions

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 the topic of 'Movers and Shakers', whilst focusing on the question 'What was the impact of female activists within living memory?' The children will be looking at what the suffragettes did, what Rosa Parks did and what Big Lil did and how life changed as a result of all of their actions.

In Geography, we will be exploring the topic of 'A Coastal Town', whilst focusing on the question 'What are the similarities and differences between Bridlington and Byron Bay?' The children will be exploring what human features are in Bridlington, what attracts tourists to Bridlington and Byron Bay and how do Bridlington and Byron Bay compare to one another.

Art/D&T

In Art, we will be exploring the topic of 'Flowerhead'. This topic teaches the children about the visual elements of flowers, including shape, texture, colour, pattern and form. They will be exploring various artistic methods, including drawing, printmaking and 3-D forms.

In DT, we will be developing our cutting, stitching and joining. During this topic, we will develop an understanding on how to create a running stitch and the children will be creating a pouch.

Computing

In Computing, we will be continuing to work on understanding the term 'data' and how this can be collected and organised. We will then progress onto presenting data in pictograms and block diagrams.

PE

PE lessons will usually be on a **Wednesday** where the children will be developing their tennis skills. PE kits should be brought into school. Children will need plain red shorts and a plain white T-shirt, along with a pair of trainers.