

CLASS 3MW

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

EARTHQUAKES AND TSUNAMIS



Literacy

In Literacy, we will be creating our own poems based on the text 'Jim: A Cautionary Tale,' by the author Hilair Belloc. Children begin by exploring a range of scenarios and their consequences, before warning the main character about the consequences of his actions. Later in the sequence of learning, children will write a letter of apology to his Nurse, and also consider possible alternative endings to the tale.

Reading

In reading, we will be focusing on the text 'The Train to Impossible Places' by P.G. Bell as well as the text; 'A Necklace of Raindrops' by Joan Aiken. The children will use the text to find meaning beyond the literal and use inference skills to work out the characteristics of different people from the story.

Science

In Science we will be focusing on 'Forces and Magnets.' We will be acting as scientists to explore different magnets and the magnetic fields.

We will be learning about contact and non-contact forces, including friction and magnetism.

The children will investigate frictional and magnetic forces, and identify parts of a magnet and magnetic materials.

R.E.

In R.E the children will be focusing on the question 'How and why do people try to make the world a better place?' The children will learn about the 'Golden Rule' in different religions and how they use this to make the world a better place.

Home Reading

Home reading books will be changed and sent home every Friday. Please encourage your children to read for pleasure and to discuss these stories with you. Please 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 we will be focusing on 'Changing Me.' This will cover understanding that everyone is unique and special, as well as expressing how they feel when change happens. The children will then be able to look forward to the changes ahead of them.

Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Adding and subtracting fractions
- Pounds and pence
- Converting pounds and pence
- Roman numerals to 12
- Telling time - to 5 minutes and to the minute

We will be focusing on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Your support at home with helping your children to learn their times tables will be greatly appreciated.

History

In History, the children will continue to learn about the maritime industry in Hull and develop their understanding about how the industry has changed through time. They will learn about the original settlers of Hull and about the importance of the walled defences. The children will then be able to report on the consequences of the maritime industry.

Geography

In Geography, the children will continue to answer the question 'why are earthquakes and tsunamis so disastrous?' This project develops children's understanding of the features and characteristics of earth's layers and plate tectonics. We will create detailed studies on earthquakes and tsunamis, while comparing earthquakes in Haiti and New Zealand. We will look closely at the Indian Ocean tsunami and the impact it had.

Music/ICT

In Music the children will be exploring the rhythm and pulse of a piece of music. In ICT we will reinforce the importance of e-safety. We will be focusing on branching databases - such as using yes/no questions to sort groups of objects.

Spanish

The children will learn about the Spanish language. They will be able to say basic phrases, such as greetings and focusing on the pronunciation of letters.

Homework

Times tables and spelling books will be handed out each week. A times tables and spelling test will be completed every Monday. Your continued support in preparing for the test is gratefully appreciated.

Art/DT

Art work will focus on 'Beautiful Botanicals.' This will focus on exploring visual elements of fruits, vegetables and plants. The children will explore the artist Katie Scott and create sketches based on her work.

In DT the children will be constructing greenhouses. They will investigate sheet materials and work on using strengthening structures to create a sturdy greenhouse.

PE

PE lessons will take place on **Friday** afternoons. PE kits should be brought into school every Monday and taken home to be washed every Friday. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T Shirt, as well as trainers for outdoor lessons.

If you have any concerns: please speak to Miss Worrall or Mrs Moore on the door or please ring/email the school office if it is urgent.