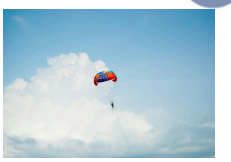
ST JAMES' Church of England ACADEMY

AUTUMN TERM 2- 2026

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS YOUR CHILD WILL BE STUDYING THIS HALF TERM



CLASS 5MC



Literacy

This half term, we will be focusing on the two different texts: *'High Rise Mystery, by Sharma Jackson and 'Hidden figures' by Margot Lee Shetterly*

Your child will also be focusing on developing their skills with sentence structure, narrative writing, grammar, spellings and handwriting.

Art/DT

This term we will continue looking at Tints, tones and shades. This project teaches children about colour theory by studying the colour wheel and exploring mixing tints, shades and tones. They learn about significant landscape artworks and features of landscapes before using this knowledge to create landscape paintings. Also, in D.T we will continue looking at where our food comes from and researching benefits of seasonal eating,

Science

In Science our lessons we will be investigating Forces. This project teaches children about the forces of gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction, with children exploring their effects.

Music

During music lessons the children will learn how to play the Glockenspiel and use their instrument to create accompaniments. We will use the music platform Charanga to enhance our performance skills and develop our composition skillls

PE

Our PE lessons will be on a **Thursdays.** This term we will be focussing on developing gymnastics skills so your child will need their PE Kit of plain red shorts and plain white t-shirt.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by emailing or calling the school office, or see me at the beginning or end of the school day.

Numeracy

Main areas of study:

- Recognising fractions
- Equivalent fractions
- Fractions of amounts
- Comparing fractions

Also, we will continue to focus on the quick recall of all of the times tables. Please encourage your child to continue to learn these at home too.

Geography

In Geography we will be studying how climates affect physical environments. This project teaches children about climate zones and their interconnection with vegetation belts and biomes found around the world.

History

In History we are looking at the historic kingdom of Benin. We will compare the kingdom of Benin and that of Britain, looking for similarities and differences in the same era.

RE

During RE we will be looking at what it means to be a Muslim and follow God

Homework

Home work will be set each Friday on spag.com and on TTrockstars. This needs to be completed by the following Thursday.

Reading / Home Reading

Firstly, we will be finishing our text from last term called 'The Good Thieves'. After that, our new text is called 'High Rise Mystery' by Sharna Jackson.
Each week we will read a new chapter and complete comprehension questions.
Children will be given their home reading books to take home daily. They should be encouraged to read a few pages every night. Please discuss with your child what they have read before signing their reading record.
Reading records need to be brought into school **each day,** so your child can progress on the class challenge of reading **5 times each week.**