

CLASS 6MJ

WELCOME TO YEAR 6.

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

MIGRATION / ANCIENT GREECE



Maths

Our main areas of study will be:

- Place Value
- Calculations: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division
- Fractions

Your child will also be using their times tables and other mathematical knowledge to further develop their skills in problem solving.

Literacy

Our main areas of writing will be based around the stimulus 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan and 'Windrush Child' by Benjamin Zephaniah and will cover:

- Journalistic writing
- Other non-fiction genres
- We will also be developing our reading and writing through our History and Geography learning

Also during literacy your child will be focussing on sentence punctuation, spelling and handwriting. We will be using the book 'The House With Chicken Legs' by Sophie Anderson as our focus reading text.

History/Geography

Our history unit for the autumn term is 'Groundbreaking Greeks', where we will be looking into the ancient civilisation and their customs and rituals. For Geography, we will be looking at the unit 'Migration' where we will look into the reasons that people migrate from one place to another and the push and pull factors that contribute to these migrations.

Science

In Science we will be learning about Light, where we will learn about how we see things and about reflection, refraction and light pollution. We will, wherever possible, participate in practical science lessons.

Art/DT

In our Art lessons, we will be looking at tints, tones and shades. We will be learning how to make certain colours by combining others and then using these colours to paint in the styles of famous artists. Our D&T lessons will be focusing on the unit 'Food for Life'.

Computing/ Spanish

In computing lessons we will learn about using different computer systems, as well as a focus on keeping safe online. We will also continue our Spanish lessons, learning different phrases that we will incorporate into our classroom routines.

R.E.

In R.E. we will be learning about what it means for a Jewish person to follow God. The children will also read and investigate Bible passages during our collective worship.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be looking at the topic: 'Being Me In My World' where we will look into how we can tackle the year ahead and how to be a good global citizen. We will also be creating our own learning rules so that we can participate in PSHE lessons respectfully.

PE / Music

Our PE lessons will take place on a **Thursday** afternoon. All children look very smart in their PE kit of plain red shorts, plain white t-shirt and trainers. As the weather starts to turn, please also ensure your child brings their full outdoor kit (plain black joggers and black sweatshirt) to school with them.

In Music, the children will be learning how to play the glockenspiel this half term with the help of a specialist music teacher.

Spellings/Times Tables/Homework

Spellings will be set on a Monday. A short test will be carried out the following Friday. The children will be given times tables tests throughout the week. Homework will be sent out on Thursdays and will need to be returned by the following Wednesday.

Home Reading

Children will be given their reading books to take home daily. They should be encouraged to read a few pages every night and need to bring their reading record back to school each day. Please discuss with your child what they have read before signing their reading record book. Books will be changed when they have completed the text.

Finally...

If you have any questions or concerns please email me via the school office on hello@stj.hlt.academy or telephone the school office on 825091. Thank you.