ST JAMES' Church of England ACADEMY

AUTUMN TERM: 2

CLASS 6MJ



WELCOME BACK 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;

- Orders of operations
- Fractions
- Decimals
- Percentages

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 ' 'A Christmas Carol' and 'The Night Mail' and will cover :

- Journal Entries
- Balanced Arguments
- 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 books, 'The House With Chicken Legs' and 'A Christmas Carol' as our focus reading texts.

History/Geography

Our continued history unit for the autumn term is 'Groundbreaking Greeks', where we will continue looking into the ancient civilisation and their customs and rituals. For Geography, we will continue 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 evolution and inheritance. During these sessions, we will be looking at what fossils tell us, understanding variation and looking into adaptation. We will, wherever possible, participate in practical science lessons.

Art/DT

In our Art lessons, we will continue looking at tints, tones and shades. We will be learning how to sketch and paint landscapes 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 continue learning 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 why Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah. The children will also read and investigate Bible passages during our collective worship.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be looking at the topic: 'Celebrating Difference' where we will look into how people are different and why this is such a good thing. We will also be looking into why bullying is absolutely unacceptable.

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 Mondays and will need to be returned by the following Thursday.

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. Please ensure your child brings their kit to school with them each week.
Thank you.
In Music, the children will be looking at composition and composing music.

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.