



# CLASS 2JP

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



## WHO WAS GUY FAWKES?

### Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:  
A Traditional Tale- Cinderella  
Non-Chronological reports  
Stories with a winter theme  
Winter poems  
Cross curricular reading and writing during topic lessons.

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During literacy your child will be focusing on grammar, punctuation and guided reading.

### Science

In Science our main topic for this half term is 'Animals including humans'. The children will work scientifically by observing, through video or first-hand experiences, and making measurements. The children will investigate how different animals, including humans, grow. The children will be asking and finding out the answers to questions about what things animals need for survival.

### Computing

During computing lessons the children will be using a website called Purple Mash. It is a creative online space where the children can access a range of exciting curriculum focused activities. The children will be learning how to search safely and how to send emails on the Purple Mash website .  
The children will also be using the internet to help research information about King James 1 and Guy Fawkes.

### PE

PE Kits should be brought into school every Monday and taken home to be washed every Friday. PE lessons will usually take place on Tuesday afternoons. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T Shirt. as well as their outdoor kit. Trainers are also required on this day as, wherever possible, PE lessons will take place outside.

### Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:  
Fact families - addition and subtraction bonds to 20  
Compare number sentences  
Addition  
Subtraction  
Number bonds to 100

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Your child will also be learning relevant number facts. I would appreciate any support you can provide with this at home. Information to help you with this is on the website entitled -helping year 2 children to learn important number facts.

### History

As historians the children will research a number of famous inventors. The children will have opportunities to ask questions about the inventors and will use a range of secondary sources e.g. pictures, books and ICT to help them find the answers. The children will present information in a range of different written styles.

### R.E.

In Re we will be thinking about 'Why does Christmas matter?' We will be exploring the stories of Jesus's birth and life. The children will discuss and decide what they are thankful for at Christmas.

### Art/DT

Our Art and DT will be linked to the theme of 'The Great Gunpowder Plot.' The children will create a silhouette picture of Bonfire night. The children will recreate a scene from the Great Gunpowder Plot using pastles.

### Music

In music the children will be continuing to explore the pulse and rhythm through listening to different songs and playing instruments.

### Home Reading

During the first half term, class 2JP met the 'Must, Could and Challenge' on a number of occasions. Moving forward, I am challenging the class to continue in this positive direction. Please continue to read a few pages of your child's home reading book with them every night and sign the reading record after your child has read. You can also support your child's learning by asking questions about the book.

### Homework/Spellings

Spellings will to be given out each Tuesday. A spelling test will take place the following Monday. Your continued support in preparing for the test is gratefully appreciated.

Homework will be sent out each Friday; to be returned by the following Friday.

**If you have any concerns that you need to discuss with me or Mrs Aacey, please email me on [jpver@stjameshull.co.uk](mailto:jpver@stjameshull.co.uk) or ring the school office if it is urgent.**