



# CLASS 2JP



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

## WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE?

### IN A HOT OR COLD COUNTRY?

#### Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:  
Traditional tales from different cultures  
Fantasy stories  
Diaries

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

#### Science

In Science our main topic for this half term is 'Materials'. The children will compare and contrast the use of everyday materials which can be found around the school, with those in the home, outside etc. The children will also explore the use of materials in stories, rhymes and songs. The children will observe, identify and classify the uses of different materials. The children will also record their observations..

#### Computing

During computing lessons the children will continue to be using the website called Purple Mash. During this half term the children will be using pictograms to answer simple questions, they will learn to construct binary trees to sort specific information and learn to use a database to answer simple and more complex search questions.

#### Homework/Spellings

Spellings will be given out each Monday. A spelling test will take place each Friday on Purple Mash. Your continued support in preparing your child for the test is gratefully appreciated.

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

#### Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:  
Addition  
Subtraction  
Money  
Multiplication

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.

#### Geography

In Geography, we will use world maps and atlases to identify and explore the United Kingdom; we will also be exploring the Sahara sub-region and the Arctic. We will compare and contrast these countries to the United Kingdom in terms of weather, culture, language etc.

#### R.E.

In RE we will be thinking about 'Who is Jewish..... and how do they live? The children will be exploring how Jewish people celebrate special festivals like Shabbat and Chanuka. They will begin to understand the meaning of these festivals and special times for the Jewish people.

#### PE

If it is too wet for your child to have a short walk outside for their daily exercise there are two alternative fitness exercises that your child could do. Joe Wicks continues to provide brilliant, planned PE sessions to help keep your child active. His sessions are live every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am on Youtube.

<https://cosmickids.com> provides fantastic videos making yoga, mindfulness and relaxation fun for children. This will build their strength, balance and confidence.

#### Art/DT

In Art and DT we will be making our own desert scene in a box.

We will be researching Inuit masks and then design and make our own Inuit mask using a range of materials.

#### Music

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

#### Home Reading

Your child will be assigned books every week on the [getepic.com](http://getepic.com) website. Please continue to read a few pages of your child's assigned reading book with them every day. You can also support your child's learning by asking questions about the book and encouraging your child to complete the quiz that supports the book that they have read.