



CLASS 4MC

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

Our theme for this half term is... South America

Literacy

This half term, we will be continuing our work on 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson and then move on to writing our own fantasy stories, using "Alice in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll as our featured text.

Main areas of study will be:

- Character and setting descriptions and descriptive writing.
- Journalistic writing
- instructional writing for our non-fiction focus

Also, during literacy, your child will be focusing on sentence structure, grammar, spellings and handwriting.

Science

In Science our main topic will be 'Living things and their habitats'. We will be looking at grouping and comparing animals, creating classification keys and looking at the effects of humans and how we impact on environments.

Music

During music lessons the children will continue to learn how to play the violin with visiting music teacher, Mr Lynch.

PE

Our PE lessons will be taught by Miss Warvil, our specialist PE teacher on a Monday. These will be outside wherever possible so your child will need their PE Kit of plain red shorts and plain white school T shirt with a pair of trainers.

Homework

Homework will consist of spellings and maths challenges. The spellings will be set on a Monday and a spelling test will take place on the following Friday.

Numeracy

Main areas of study:

- Identifying angles and turns
- Properties of triangles and quadrilaterals
- Written methods of calculation for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to solve problems

Also, we will be focusing on learning all of the times tables. Please encourage your child to learn these at home too.

Geography

In Geography we will be looking at the continent of South America.

We will be researching the countries that make up South America, looking at the physical geography of the Andes and the human geography of Brazil. We will also look at trade and industry. We will conclude this topic by comparing South America with the UK.

RE

During RE we will be looking at the journey of life and the significant celebrations for different faiths and beliefs.

Art/DT

In Art we will be looking at and creating our own Aztec patterns and Carnival masks.

Home Reading

Children will be given their reading books to take home on a Monday. They should be encouraged to read a few pages every night. Please discuss with your child what they've 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.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at mcapes@stjameshull.co.uk or contact the school office.