



Class 2JP-Spring 1

Our topic this half term is "Are all countries the same?"

Welcome back after the Christmas holiday. I would like to take this opportunity to outline the topics your children will be studying during this half term.

Homework:

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

Spellings:

Spellings will continue 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.

Reading: During the first 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 every night and sign the reading record after your child has read. You can also support your child's learning by asking a few questions about the book.

PE: PE lessons will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please make sure your child has full PE kit in school on these days. Children should bring trainers that they can wear for PE outside. Please remember earrings should not be worn on PE days.

Geography: In Geography, we will use world maps and atlases to identify and explore the United Kingdom; we will also be exploring Canada, Italy and Africa. We will compare and contrast these countries to the United Kingdom in terms of the weather, language, culture etc.

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 will be 'materials'. The children will compare and contrast the use of everyday materials which can be found around 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. They will also record their observations.

RE:

In RE, the learning question will be 'What can we learn from stories in the Bible?' To help us answer this question we will be finding out about Jesus and his disciples and explore some parables that Jesus told.

Art/ DT:

Our Art and DT will be linked to African stories and the famous Masquerade Balls of Venice. The children will design and create their own mask for the Masquerade ball.

Numeracy:

Our main areas of study will be:
-Calculation
-Multiplication and Division
-Fractions
-Measurement
- Problem Solving
Your child will also be learning relevant number facts. I would appreciate any support you can provide with this at home. Please see the reverse side of this newsletter for the relevant number facts.

Music: During music lessons the children will learn about the language of music through playing the glockenspiel. The learning will be focused around exploring and developing their musical skills .

ICT: During ICT we will also be using the internet to research information about different countries.
The children will continue to develop their programming and debugging skills in a number of different scenarios.
They will also continue to develop their

And finally...

Please feel free to come and speak to Miss Thorneycroft, Mrs Smithson or myself, either before of after school if you have any queries.

