



# Class 2JP-Spring 1

Our topic this half term is "Where would you like to live-in a hot or cold country?"

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.

**Literacy:**  
Our main areas of study will be:  
-Traditional Tales from different cultures  
-Fantasy Stories  
-Diaries  
During literacy your child will also be focusing on grammar, punctuation and guided reading.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 questions about the book.

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

**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.

**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.

**Art/ DT:** We will be designing and making our own desert scene in a shoe box. We will be researching Inuit masks and then design and make our own Inuit mask using a range of materials.

**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 understanding of E-Safety.

**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 the weather, language, culture etc.

**And finally...**  
Please feel free to come and speak to Mrs Smithson, Mrs Acey or myself, either before or after school if you have any queries.

