



Class 2JP-Spring 2

Our topic this half term is "Who were the incredible inventors?"

Welcome back after the half term 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:
- Fantasy Stories
 - Non Chronological reports
 - Diaries
 - Instructions

Numeracy:

- Our main areas of study will be:
- Calculation
 - Addition and Subtraction
 - Fractions
 - Measurement
 - Problem solving and reasoning

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.

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

Science:

In Science our main topic will be 'electricity'. The children will identify and describe the uses of everyday appliances and research 'why do we need to be careful with electricity?'. The children will learn about simple series circuits involving batteries, wires, bulbs and other components and they will have the opportunity to investigate how a switch can be used to break a circuit. [for example, buzzers, motors]

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.

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.

RE: In RE, we will be continuing the topic 'Believing'. The children will continue to explore their understanding of belief through faith stories, moving on to the Easter story.

Music: During music lessons the children will continue to 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:

Our Art and DT will be linked to the early inventions during the Stone age. The children will make a clay pot. As part of the children's research on the life of Henry Ford they will design and make a moving vehicle.

ICT: During ICT we will be using the internet to research information about different Inventors.

The children will continue using a range of different software e.g. word processing and art packages.

The children will continue to develop their programming and debugging skills in a number of different scenarios.

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.

And finally...

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