



Class 4JS February 2016

Welcome back, please have a look at what we will be doing this half term.

Special note: our class assembly will be on Wednesday 16th March at 9am.

I hope everybody had an enjoyable break, and is now ready for a new half term's learning. Our main theme this half term is 'Why do people visit The Tropics?' and through this we will be covering the majority of our foundation subjects.

Literacy

In literacy we will be beginning by using our skills as readers and writers to write from different characters' points of view. We will also create our own play scripts, and research and write reports about life in The Tropics and why people visit there.

We will also learn poetry to read out loud and use this as inspiration to create our own poems.

As always children will be given new spellings to learn each week on a Monday, in a format that will make it easy for them to practise each night in preparation for a weekly test the following Monday.

Numeracy

In numeracy, times tables and 'Learn Its' are a major focus as we have discovered that we need them for so many different aspects of our work. Your child is given target times table facts each week to revise before taking part in the whole school numeracy challenge each Friday. We are also continuing with our problem solving and investigative maths to see how we use and apply our skills from different areas of mathematics

in real life contexts. Another main theme in maths this half term will be fractions and decimals. We will also use mathematical skills within our theme to solve problems using real data such as climate data from the tropics.

Science

Throughout this half term we will continue to learn about electricity, we will use our knowledge to create and use our own switches. We will also learn how to draw circuit diagrams using a variety of symbols.

R.E & Music

During our RE lessons we will be continuing to learn all about Christian saints as well as heroes in Bible stories.

In music we will be exploring the work of Benjamin Britten. We will use this as a starting point to develop our performing and compositional skills, improvising and developing accompaniments to the well-known songs.

Computing

In computing we will begin by reviewing and extending our knowledge of E-safety. This will be followed by learning more about coding in order to control our sprites' response automatically when close to objects on screen. We will refine our database skills using climate data from our theme and numeracy lessons.

PE

PE will continue to be on Thursday and Friday and children will require full kit (plain red shorts and plain white t-shirt) including appropriate footwear; jewellery is not to be worn on these days due to the safety issues.

Art/ D&T

Our Viking theme from last half term is continuing to provide inspiration for our art and DT. We have designed and will be making a variety of objects to support our class assembly, such as Viking shields.

History & Geography

We will learn all about life in The Tropics, the weather and affect this has on daily life. We will also use music from the Caribbean in our PE lessons.

I am sure you will agree this term is certainly going to be very busy and challenging, but enjoyable too!

I am always available after school to address any concerns you may have about your child, so please feel free to come and discuss any worries or questions you may have with me or Mrs Hawksley.

Mrs J Stevens