



Class 4JS

June 2016

Welcome back!

I hope everybody had an enjoyable half term and managed to enjoy some sunshine and warmer weather. Our topic this half term will continue to be 'Who were the Ancient Greeks? This half term we will focus on the origin of the Olympics. We will also learn about the Tour de France as we explore European countries.

Literacy

In literacy we will be beginning by looking at 'The story of the Olympics' and we will imagine what it must have been like to be a participant in the ancient Olympics.

We will then look at a totally different point of view when we write science fiction stories as if we were insects!

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

Numeracy

In numeracy, times tables and rapid recall of number facts continues to be a major focus as we have discovered that we need them for so many different aspects of our work. We will also be focusing on our knowledge and understanding of fractions and decimals. 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.

Science

In science we will continue studying states of matter, in particular the water cycle and how water can exist in all three states, solid, liquid and gas. After that we will go on to learn all about classification of animals and build our own classification tree.

We will also look closely at habitats within the school grounds which we will use in our science fiction story writing.

R.E. & Music

Within our RE lessons this half term we will be asking 'What does it mean to me to be a Christian at St James' CE Academy?' We will be going to visit St James' Church in Sutton to look at the building and find out more about it, its uses and individual features.

In Music we will be continuing to look at the song 'Lean on Me' by Bill Withers. We will compose our own accompaniments and vocal backing before performing them.

ICT

In our ICT lessons we are going to extend our knowledge of E-safety before learning how to use e-mail safely. Additionally we will be learning some advanced coding techniques.

PE

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

Foundation subjects.

As already mentioned, the theme this term is 'Who were the Ancient Greeks?' We will be learning all about the Olympic Games and their origins as well as the religious aspects involved in its origins. We will also compare the ancient Olympics to the modern Olympics.

On completion we will then move on to learn all about the Tour de France. Through this we will learn all about the European Union and the countries that participate in the Tour. We will also use this topic as a basis for our art and design skills as we will draw images of cyclists in action and design our own winner's jerseys.

Once again, a busy and challenging half term, but enjoyable too!

Class information

All children will be expected to read everyday at home. Regular reading practice will help your child not only with their reading but also their writing in literacy and other subject areas. If ever your child has forgotten their school reading book, please record any other reading they have done in their reading record or in a note to myself – this does count towards their weekly reading. Additionally your child has personalised times tables they need to learn to enable them to take part in the whole school maths challenge. Being able to quickly recall times table facts is an invaluable skill so your support in assisting your child learn these is greatly appreciated.

I am always available after school to discuss any concerns you may have about your child.

Mrs J Stevens.