



Class 5MC

Summer Term 1

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of the topics that your children will be studying this half term...

The theme for this half term will be
Around the world in 80 days...
How would you travel the world?

Homework
Homework will be set on Fridays and the children will be made aware of the deadline for returning their finished work to school.

Spellings / Times Tables
Spellings and times tables will be given out on a Monday. A short test will be carried out the following Friday.

Home Reading
Children will be given their reading books to take home on a daily basis. They should be encouraged to read a few pages or a chapter every night which will be followed by a task or activity linked to the text. Please discuss with your child what they've read before signing their reading record. Books need to be brought to school every day.
'Reading Plus'
Please encourage your child to access 'Reading Plus' This digital online resource enables your child to improve their reading rate and comprehension skills.

PE.
Lessons will be on **Thursdays**. Every child in the class looks extremely smart in their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T-shirts. Thank you for your help with this.

Literacy
Main areas of study will be:
Biographies, Information Texts, Diary Entries and Letter Writing.
Also during literacy your child will be focussing on sentence structure, spelling, grammar, handwriting and reading.
Our Class text this term will be 'Around the World in 80 days' by Jules verne.

Numeracy
Main areas of study will be:

- Properties of shape
- Interior angles of triangles and quadrilaterals
- Reflection and translation
- Problem solving using all operations

By Year 5 children should know all of the times tables. If your child does not know all the times tables please help them to learn these at home.

Science
In Science we will be looking at the process of reproduction in plants and animals. We will also look at their life cycles and habitats.
Children's learning in Science will be supported, wherever possible, by practical activities and investigations.

RE / PSHCE
Our learning question this half term is...
What does it mean to me to be a Christian at St James' School?
We will be exploring how being a part of a church school shapes our lives.
We will also be visiting St James Church to look at the role the building plays in our community.

Music
In music, Class MC will continue to learn how to play the violin with visiting music teacher Mr Willoughby.

Art / DT
Our Art and DT lessons will relate to our theme of 'Around the world in 80 days' We will be recreating our hot air balloon in DT by looking at the work of Isiah and Benjamin Lane.

ICT / French
In ICT we will be looking at Internet Safety, Coding and Spreadsheets. We will also be further developing our word processing and presentation skills, building on our previous learning. We will continue with our French lessons, being taught by a visiting language teacher.

History / Geography
In Geography we will be planning a journey around the world. We will be looking at different modes of transport that can be used to travel across different countries
In History we will be looking at travel throughout the last century, particularly by sea.

Finally...
All children will be taking part in 'Bikeability' training (week commencing 2/5/17—letter to follow).
If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact either myself or Mrs Ketley at the end of the day.