



The learning question for this term will be:

'Waterloo—Could you escape if you wanted to?'

# CLASS MJ – AUTUMN TERM (I)

Welcome to Year 6! The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the topics that your children will be studying this half term.

## Homework

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

## Spellings

Spellings will be given out on a Monday. A short test will be carried out the following Friday.

## Enterprise

The Year 6 children will start to organise the St James' Academy's annual 'Pudsey Fair' for Children in Need.

## 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 every night as regular reading at home makes a real difference to a child's progress. Please discuss with your child what they've read before signing their reading record book.

## PE.

PE lessons will take place every Friday. Every child in the class looks extremely smart in their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T-shirts. Please ensure that your child brings suitable outdoor PE kit and footwear, also. Thank you for your help with this.

## Literacy

Main areas of study will be:

- Story Writing
- Information Texts
- Poetry
- Reading and Writing through Topic

Also during literacy your child will be focussing on sentence punctuation, spelling, handwriting and guided reading. During guided reading sessions, we will read and analyse the text 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'.

## Numeracy

Main areas of study will be:

- Place Value
- Securing number facts
- Handling data
- Understanding shape
- Measures

Your child will also be using their times tables and other mathematical knowledge to develop their skills in problem solving.

## Science

In Science we will be covering the topic 'Electricity'. Our topic of 'Waterloo' will also include links to Science. Children's learning in Science will be supported wherever possible by practical activities and investigations.

## RE/ PSHCE

In RE we will be learning about Expressions of Faith, looking at the way that people of different faiths worship. The children will also be reading and investigating Bible passages within our RE lessons and then sharing these with the rest of school during collective worship. In our PSHCE lessons, we will be looking into New Beginnings.

## Art / DT

Our Art and DT lessons will relate to our theme of 'Waterloo.' We will be sketching and painting people in motion and we will also be looking into the skills needed to create portraits and propaganda pieces.

## ICT

In ICT we will be looking at e-safety and coding. We will also be further developing our word processing and presentation skills, building on our previous learning.

## History / Geography

In Geography we will be learning about the countries involved in the Napoleonic Wars. We will use globes and atlases to locate these places in addition to creating our own maps. We will be looking, in detail, at the history surrounding the Battle of Waterloo including a timeline of events, the soldiers who fought and the methods of warfare.

## French / Music

We are very excited to be continuing to learn French this year—taught by a specialised French teacher. In these lessons, the children will learn numbers, names of family members and basic words and phrases. We will then incorporate these into our daily, classroom routines. The children will be looking at composing music and learning about famous, classical composers in addition to analysing features used within different pieces of music.

## Finally...

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact either myself or Miss Priestman at the end of the day.