Saint George's Class

Topic Web - Autumn Term 1

Dear Parent(s)/Carers,

I hope you all had a fantastic summer and are looking forward to the new school year ahead. We are fortunate enough to have Mrs Jenkins and Ms Barrett who will be supporting the children in the classroom alongside myself. We have an exciting and busy term ahead, filled with engaging learning opportunities.







Our first topic is Planet Earth. During this topic, we will be developing our map skills, identifying key physical and human characteristics of different countries, interpreting food chains and using classification keys. We have started reading our first book in 'DEAR Time' called 'This Book is Not Rubbish', which the children are really enjoying and are learning lots of new facts about looking after the environment. If you are able to buy this book or borrow it from the library so that your child is able to follow the text in school that would be great!

PE will happen every Friday morning. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school. This includes trainers, house colour top and navy shorts or navy/black tracksuit bottoms. As the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing in school such as: waterproofs, coats, wellies, gloves and hats.

Homework will be set on Fridays and will be due in the following Wednesday. Homework will alternate between Maths and Literacy work, which will re-enforce learning within the class. This means that the children should be able to complete the homework independently. Spellings will be set every Friday and the children will be tested on Fridays. There will also be a weekly times table test on a Friday.

As you are aware, hand washing is now an important part of the school day. If you are able to send your child to school with their own labelled bottle of hand gel that would be fantastic - it will increase the learning time that we have in the classroom.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me through the <u>slt@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk</u> email or arrange a phone appointment through the admin team.

I look forward to working with your children, ensuring they flourish in their learning.

M. Browning

Miss Browning

Maths- In maths, we will be looking at place value, read and write numbers in numerals and words, reading Roman numerals and interpreting number lines.

Literacy- We will be looking at the features and structure of a newspaper report. Then, we will be writing our own report on some exciting findings in the school field.

God Matters - Our first unit is Creation, which links in with our topic Planet Earth. We will be looking at stewardship and how we can endure the earth for many years to come.







French- We will be naming some of the major cities of France, asking and giving a simple address in French, using multiples of ten and number operations to do simple calculations.

Computing- We will be using the software Scratch to create a times table maths game. We will also be discussing staying safe online.

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PE- In PE, the children will be developing their running and jumping technique and their foot and eye co-ordination when controlling a football.

Topic - Planet Earth This topic provides excellent cross-curricula opportunities, allowing the children to be scientists, where the children will be grouping and classifying living things. The children will also explore how changes to the environment can sometimes negatively impact living things. Our new topic allows the children to be geographers, the children will be using maps and atlases and learn to use grid references.