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Welcome to St James !

Autumn term 1

Welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic summer! We are super excited to begin this term and get into our school routine! We are looking forward to getting to know all the children! Mrs Wilson and Mrs Stukins and myself will be in class everyday however Mrs Osbourne will be covering my PPA time on a Wednesday.

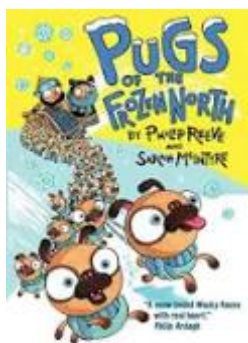
Topic

This term in St James we are exploring a topic entitled 'Maps around the world'. We'll be looking at maps and discussing where in the world we are. We will be learning about continents, capital cities and use map skills.

Reading and Literacy

We will still be having a 'book of the week/month' which will be a fantastic opportunity to encourage reading and the love of books with the children. We will be looking at the 'Pugs of the Frozen North' by Phillip Reeve.

Over the course of the term, we will be exploring narrative writing, newspaper reports and non-chronological reports. Please ensure that your child is reading at home **every** night, as well as recording their reading in their reading records. Year 3 children will take the AR tests throughout the week with books usually being changed by Wednesday so please ensure they are brought into school each day for one-to-one reading also. Our Y2 children will continue with their phonics reading practise sessions and books will be sent home each Wedn to be returned to school the following week. Spellings will be sent home on a Thursday with homework – spelling tests will be on a Thursday morning.



Maths

Our maths work will focus on place value where year 2 will be focusing on place value to 100 and year 3 will be focusing on numbers up to 1000. After this we will be looking at addition and subtraction including money. We will carry on using White Rose maths and use Reason and Problem solving to really dig our teeth into maths. We will of course have Sumdog also which will be homework.

Science

St James class will be taking part in very exciting science lessons looking at animals including Humans. We will be looking at which animals needs which nutrients from which food and describe the simple digestive system of animals and humans.

P.E

Within P.E. this term we shall be focusing on activities on a **Wednesday** with Mrs Griffin and JB Sports on a **Thursday** afternoon. Please ensure your child comes to school with their PE kit on those days if they are not keeping them in school, although we encourage PE kits to be left in school now. Please also ensure that your child does not wear earrings and that long hair is tied up on PE days.

Homework

Your child will receive one piece of English and Maths each week. Please return their files by Wednesday for marking. Sumdog will be checked weekly. The children are tested on their spellings on a Thursday am. Each half term we will send out topic themed homework.

This term there will be:

- 12th September - School Council Elections
- 12th September - E-Safety Committee Elections
- 18th September - School clubs to start
- 22nd September - International Sign Language Day
- 26th September - Open Morning for Reception 2024 at 9:30 – 10:30 am
- 28th September - Harvest Festival in church at 9:30 am
- 29th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning at 9:40 am

10th October - #HelloYellow Mental Health Awareness Day
13th October - St James Class Assembly at 9:00 am
16th October - Wrates School Photos
16th October - Parents' Evening at 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm
20th October End of Term 1

It will be a short but exciting and busy term; I cannot wait!
Many Thanks,
St James team 😊

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