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Welcome to St James !

Autumn term 2.

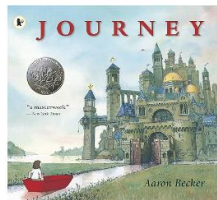
Welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic break! Mrs Wilson and Mrs Stukins and myself will be in class everyday however Miss Lambe will be covering my PPA time on a Wednesday covering GPS, Maths and RE.

Topic

This term in St James we are exploring a topic entitled Plants and Climates. We'll be looking at Climates and Biomes. Some questions we will be researching are-What is a biome? How do plants survive in extreme climates? Which plants do we eat? and How else do humans use plants?

Reading and Literacy

We will still be having a 'book of the week/month' which will be a fantastic opportunity to encourage reading and encourage the love of books with the children. We will be looking at the 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. 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. Our Y2 children will continue with their phonics reading practice sessions and books will be sent home each Wednesday to be returned to school the following week. Spellings will be sent home on a Friday with homework – spelling tests will be on a Friday morning.



Maths

Our maths work will focus 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 which will also be given as homework.

Science

St James class will be taking part in very exciting science lessons looking at plants. We will be looking at how plants grow, what is the function of a flower, stem, leaves and root? We will also be growing our plants to observe how they grow within the classroom.

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 Thursday for marking. Sumdog will be checked weekly. The children are tested on their spellings on a Friday am. Each half term we will send out topic themed homework.

It will be a short but exciting and busy term; I can not wait!

Many Thanks,
St James team 😊

