

Summer 2024

STJB Year Two



Wonderful Wheels

Dear Parents/carers,

This term our topic is Wonderful Wheels.

In **Science**, we will continue to deepen our understanding about plants. We will plan and carry out an experiment to find out what plants need to grow and explore wild and garden plants.

In **English**, we will be reading poems about transport. We will be performing our favourite poems and writing our own poems about transport. The children will be looking at stories written by Quentin Blake and focusing on Mrs Armitage on Wheels. They will be creating their own amazing bikes and writing descriptions of them. The children will be writing their own stories based on their bike designs.

In **Maths**, we will look at shape, measurement, fractions, time, position and direction, multiplication and division.

In **Geography**, the children will be learning to investigate key features of a region of China and compare with the human and physical geography of the UK.

In **History**, the children will be learning about the history of transport. We will be going on an exciting trip to Amberley Museum. The children will be making timelines of bicycles and seeing how they have changed over time.

In **Computing**, the children are going to be learning about the art techniques of different artists. They are going to

use the 'To Paint' programme to recreate the artists work. The children will be introduced to making music digitally using 2Sequence. They will explore, edit and combine sounds. The children will examine a traditional tale presented as a mind map, as a quiz, as an e-book and as a fact file using Purple Mash. They will learn that digital content can be represented in many forms. The children will present their own story, quiz and fact file.

In **PE**, we will be learning a dance to perform at the Summer Revels event in June!

In **RE**, we will be learning to re-tell some Bible stories that show kindness and thinking about some of the values Jesus taught to others. We will discuss and explore how these parables impact how Christians behave towards other people today.

In **D.T**, the children will be looking at how toy cars move. They will be investigating how wheels and axles work. The children will be designing and making their own toy vehicles.

In **Art**, the children will embark on a creative exploration of textile artistry. Through a series of lessons, children will discover the vibrant world of textiles, collage, and stitching. Inspired by the works of Sheila Hicks, children will experiment with various materials, colours, and textures to create their own textile masterpieces.

In **Music**, the children will be listening to different pieces of music, playing instruments, improvising and composing their own music. They will also learn to perform a song as a class.

In **RSHE**, we will learn about different kinds of families and the similarities and differences between them. We will also consider some of the changes that we may experience in our lives and the feelings and emotions associated with change. We will discuss who some of the strategies we can use to help with confusing or difficult emotions and think about who we might talk to.

This is just an outline of what the children will be exploring during this topic. We are using these news letters to give you information about your child's learning.

Homework

Please share books and hear your child read regularly. We will be giving weekly maths tasks to support your child in their maths learning. Each week we will be giving out spelling activities for your child to practise, this will help your child with their reading and writing. Please give your homework in on a Tuesday. It will be given out on a Thursday.

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