



Autumn 2024

STJB Year Two



Knock, Knock

Dear Parents,

This term our topic is 'Knock, Knock'.

In **Science**, the children will revisit the materials they learnt about last year and identify and name these materials. They will explore why certain materials are suitable for certain uses. They will then explore which materials can squash, bend, twist, or stretch.

In **English**, we will begin by writing recounts. We will be reading Traditional Fairy Tales. The children will be looking at different versions of the Three Little Pigs. They will be writing a description of the wolf and their own version of the story.

In **Maths**, we will look at place value, addition and subtraction.

In **Geography**, the children will be learning about maps. They will be looking at maps of Findon village and learning how to use a key to identify physical and human features. They will be learning North, South, East and West directions and how to follow a route on a map. The children will be going on a walk around Findon village and making a simple map with a key.

During **History**, the children will be learning about the main parts of castles and their uses. We will be learning about the similarities and differences between castles. We are excited to be going on a trip to Arundel castle.

In **Computing**, the children will be developing their understanding of what information technology (IT) is and will begin to identify examples. They will

discuss where they have seen IT in school and beyond. Learners will then investigate how IT improves our world, and they will learn about the importance of using IT responsibly.

During **PE**, the children will be participating in games, gym and dance. In gym, they will be learning about different balance skills, travelling and how to challenge themselves. In dance, they will be learning to work with a partner to create shapes in dance. In games, the children will be learning ball skills and how to use these in team games.

In **RE**, the children are going to learn about Islam. They will be learning about prayer at home and think about why Muslims pray and why it is important to them. After half term, the children will be learning about Incarnation. They will be thinking about why Christmas matters to Christians.

In **D.T**, the children will be learning about healthy eating, where food comes from and how to cook it.

In **Art**, the children will be introduced to the work of the contemporary artist Julian Opie. They will explore various drawing and painting techniques, learn about primary and secondary colours, and develop their ability to observe and create different textures and patterns.

In **Music**, the children will create a dramatic class performance of 'menu song.' They will copy a leader in a call-and-response song and wait our turn to sing. The children will sing a song from memory and remember the order of the verses. They will also play instruments on the beat.

In **RSHE**, the children will learn the difference between comfortable and uncomfortable feelings. They will learn how people's facial expressions and body language can reflect how they are feeling and why. The children will explore the different between physical and emotional hurt and how these can affect people's feelings.

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 education.

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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