

## Our English Learning

This half-term your children will be writing and composing different genres, including:

- Our focus texts for guided reading will include a biography, adventure narrative and non-fiction information texts.
- There will be a heavy focus on reading session in preparation for SAT's, children will be exposed to a wide variety of texts and practice answering varying question types.
- Focus on Grammar and Spelling in preparation for SAT's.

You could help your child with their English learning by:

- Helping them to learn their weekly spellings from the Y5-6 word list. Checking that they can write the correct spelling when you say the word.
- Reading every night with your child, asking them questions about the text and listening to them share their opinions about the books they have read.
- SAT's revision using the SAT's previous test materials from the directgov website.
- Completing homework.

In RE we are learning about:

What kind of king was Jesus?

## YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



The title of our geography learning is:

What is population and why does it change?

Through this geography unit the children will:

Explore the factors that contribute to changes in population. We will learn about birth and death rates and the factors that contribute to this and how this affects the prospects of a country. We will also consider migration and immigration; why it happens and how it changes the makeup of a population.

You could help your child with their geography learning by:

- Reading about and researching our nation and its geographical significance
- Observing the local environment and considering how our economy influences migration, birth, and death rates.

Other news & updates about our class:

- Our class page on the St. John's website is updated regularly; look what we've been learning across our wide range of subjects in class. Look out for and celebrate photos of your children learning in a variety of ways; they really do make me proud every single day!
- No question is too small – contact the office and make an appointment to see me if you have any concerns or questions about how you can help at home.

## Our Mathematics Learning

This half-term, through NCETM, supplemented by White Rose, we will be learning, amongst other things:

- Revision and consolidation in preparation for SATs testing: including additional tuition.
- Tuition continues this term.
- 'Gap plugging' and recapping are paramount at this stage of Y6, several staff members will be working tirelessly in the classroom and external intervention sessions to boost children's progress in the run up to exams.

You could help your child with their maths learning by:

- Ensuring that they can recite their times tables and division facts out of order and at speed.
- Ask them to show you what they have been learning in Maths at school, and help them to explain the methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Helping them with homework that will be sent home each Friday to be returned for the following Thursday.