



Key Stage 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2021

Theme: **What if the Sun didn't shine?**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to a very unusual Spring term. Our question for investigation this term is "What if the Sun didn't shine?" and we will be setting home learning tasks for you and your child/ren to work on together to answer this question and others throughout the term. This letter will explain what you can expect each week and will give you an overview of what we will cover subject by subject.

Each weekend we will post a weekly timetable of activities that should be worked on during the following week. We will post the supporting videos and resources you will need for home learning the evening before the day they are needed. Resources and videos will be posted on Class Dojo and also on our website www.stjamesinfant.com.

Paper based resources will also be available for collection from school (for anybody unable to access the internet or a printer) on Monday morning for the whole week but we will try to keep the need for these to an absolute minimum.

Each day will consist of the following activities:

- 1: Phonics (we will inform you via Class Dojo which task (Phonics 1 or Phonics 2) your child should do).
- 2: Handwriting
- 3: Writing
- 4: Maths
- 5: Home Reading (Book / Oxford Reading Buddy)
- 6: One Foundation subject (e.g. art / science / P.E. / R.E. / Geography / History / D.T. etc...)



In maths the children will be investigating addition and subtraction using both practical and written methods and through contexts such as measurement and money.



Our writing will focus on our senses and the season through non-fiction writing such as reports and scientific write-ups and through poetry.



In science we will be looking into our senses and sense organs, shadows, seasonal changes and growth of plants and animals.



For art will look at Lowry and Dan Flavin and try to re-create some work in their styles as well as trying to make some silhouettes.



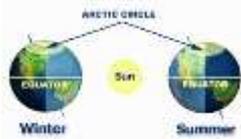
Religious education will focus on the Bible and the stories and meanings of those stories.



In music we will be listening to and appraising several pieces of classical and contemporary music and learning a new song or two!



P.E. will focus upon dance and balance and co-ordination skills.



In geography we will research and investigate day length in different parts of the world? Is it the same for everybody?



Our history will see us learning about life before electricity and how the industrial revolution changed the world.



For computing we will be looking at the different skills required to equip our children for a digital lifetime such as online relationships, information and privacy.



In design technology we will be asking the children to think of a brilliant invention of their own and to build a prototype model!

Please remember that teaching staff will be available to message via Class Dojo during this difficult time to support you. We are looking forward to seeing you all in school again as soon as possible. Stay safe.

The Key Stage 1 team.