

Autumn 1 2019: Jackson Pollock Class



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Autumn Term of our new school year, I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break. I have been heart-warmingly welcomed to St David's School and I am looking forward to working with you and your child/ren. This year, Year 3 and Year 4, will be called Jackson Pollock class, taking our name from the renowned artist. We shall spend time during our first two weeks learning about the artist and creating our own artwork in his style. It is a pleasure to be working with Mrs Parker who will be the class teaching assistant.

Curriculum:

We have an exciting, engaging and fun-filled curriculum to look forward to and one which will support your child in reaching their full potential! Our theme for this half term is '1066 The Battle of Hastings' with an additional focus on developing learning skills. Maths and English; including guided reading, spelling and handwriting will take place each day with theme-based projects covering all other curriculum subjects across each week. Please see the curriculum map for further details.

Forest School:

We plan to visit the forest every Thursday morning 0845-1030 from 12th September. Our first session will be on Thursday 19th September. Your child may come to school in their Forest School kit: long trousers or joggers, long sleeved T shirt, hat and sturdy boots. Please could your child come to school with bug spray and suntan lotion already applied. We also ask that each child has a pair of waterproof trousers and a waterproof jacket in school.

PE:

PE will take place on Fridays. Please could your child have a named PE kit of T-shirt, shorts and trainers/pumps in school all week. KS2 are swimming this term. Our first session will be on Wednesday 11th September and every Wednesday thereafter until the end of November.

Library:

The class will visit the school library each Thursday to change library books and enjoy all that the library has to offer. The session will also give children time to share and discuss books, authors and reading interests as well as read for pleasure and enjoyment.

Reading

Your child will take part in guided reading on the same day once a week and additional skills- based reading opportunities during the week. Your child will have opportunity to change completed reading books as needed on his/her guided reading day. Please continue to read with your child each day and make a note in the reading record to inform us of their reading progress. Please also record when a book is completed. On-going assessments will be completed and your child will move book colour bands when appropriate. We shall enjoy a range of class shared texts over the year with a dedicated time each day for listening to and enjoying the class book of the week.

I am looking forward to meeting you all during our first parent-teacher meetings but in the meantime, if you would like to discuss anything with me, please make an appointment via the office or come and see me at the school gate once the children are dismissed.

Here's to an exciting year!

Kind regards,

Mrs Norman