

# Jupiter Class- Spring 2 Newsletter

This half term we will be saying goodbye to Miss Machin. She will be leaving us on the 7<sup>th</sup> March to continue her university degree. The staff and children have loved having Miss Machin in the class and we wish her all the best in her teaching career.

## History

In History, we will be learning about 'History on our doorstep'. This will involve learning about how the Industrial Revolution impacted Derbyshire. We will look at the mills, transport, inventions and more! On 17<sup>th</sup> March, we will have visitors in from Belper Mills to carry out three different workshops. We will be looking at the history of cotton, the life of a child working in the mills and how Belper/Derbyshire has changed. If you would like to support our learning you could take a trip to one of the Derwent Valley Mills.

## Art

Art will be a continuation from last half term, the second half of the class will now look at the features of a collage and the different techniques behind this.

## D.T.

In Design and Technology, we will be learning about pulleys, gears and leavers. This will involve designing our own systems and having a go at building them.

## English

Miss Machin will start the half term off looking at poetry, we will be looking at the Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll. We will then continue the half term with a fiction text. This text will support us in writing our own descriptive text. English homework this half term will be a mix of reading comprehension and Grammar questions.

## Maths

*This half term we will be carrying on with decimals as well as learning all about area, perimeter and statistics. Statistics will involve learning about how to draw graphs, how to plot points on graphs and how to read timetables. Our homework this half term will cover a variety of topics that we have covered so far in year 5. Children are encouraged to complete TTRockstars or Twinkl maths at least twice a week to build their fluency of timetables.*

## Science

In science we will be learning about a new topic- Forces. This will involve learning about Gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. We will carry out different investigations during the first week of the half term.

## Other Subjects

- **Forest Schools** – The groups will swap this half term. Children who are in forest school will need to bring a change of clothes and suitable outdoor shoes.
- **Computing** – We will be continuing to improve our computer skills using Word and PowerPoint
  - In **R.E.**, the children will be investigating the question *What would Jesus do?* Can people live by the values of Jesus in the twenty-first century?
  - **P.S.H.E.**, this half term, will focus on BRITAIN
  - Mrs. Schumann will continue to teach **French** on a Wednesday afternoon.
  - Mr. Singh will be teaching **P.E.** this half term (Netball). This will require the children to bring their P.E kits on Thursdays to get changed into. PE will be outdoors and children will be going home in their PE kit.

## Weekly Routines

- P.E. – We will be on a Thursday Afternoon.
- Spelling Tests – The spelling tests will continue to be on a Thursday morning.
- Homework- Homework will be handed out on a Wednesday and collected in on a Monday.
- Reading Journals – Reading journals will be collected in on a Thursday to be checked.

If you ever have any questions, I am always available at drop off in the morning, or on the playground at the end of the school day. You can also get in touch via the school office (julie.carter@littleaton.derbyshire.sch.uk or 01332 831471)

Mrs Lloyd and Miss Machin