

Jupiter Class – Spring 1 Newsletter

Hello! I am Miss Machin and am a third-year student teacher at the University of Derby. I began my final placement at Little Eaton for two weeks at the beginning of last half term and will now be here, in Jupiter class, for the whole of this half term and 2 weeks at the beginning of Spring 2. This half term I will be teaching the majority of subjects in Year 5 so wanted to take this opportunity to write the newsletter to introduce myself and outline the topics for this half term. I will be working alongside Mrs Lloyd to plan and deliver the topics outlined below. I loved my first two weeks here in Jupiter class in November and it is a pleasure to be able to come back and continue my placement here this half term!

English

This half term children will be looking at the 'Ice Forest' text in English. The children will complete a weekly comprehension session to work on written comprehension skills. In addition to this whole class English sessions will involve using the VIPERS to answer questions about the text we are reading. In writing, children will be creating a narrative which includes a focus on suspense and writing a discussion piece around climate change.

Maths

In Maths, we will be building on our skills of Multiplication and Division, developing knowledge on the column method and short and long division methods. We will also continue exploring Fractions, including multiplying by an integer and finding fractions of amounts. Finally, we will use our fraction knowledge when beginning to look at Decimals up to 2 decimal places and equivalent decimal and fractions at the end of the half term.

Science

This half term we will be beginning our topic 'Living things and their Habitats'. We will be exploring new knowledge about the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird, as well as the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

Geography

In Geography this half term, we will be learning about Antarctica. This will include learning about the Antarctic circle and key locations within Antarctica, Antarctic explorers including Ernst Shackleton, living things and creatures in Antarctica and more!

Art

Mrs. Dallison will be delivering the art this half term to half of the class (the other half will be at forest school). The focus in art will not be collage. We will be looking at the skills behind creating a collage, along with looking at complementary and contrasting colours. We will be using our work in geography to help us create an Antarctica themed collage.

Other subjects

- **Computing** – In computing the children will learn about key Microsoft Word and PowerPoint skills to help with their future learning in all subjects. They will create an information sheet in Word and PowerPoint presentation about their wider classroom learning over the half term.
- **P.S.H.E** – This half term, we will focus on the Money Matters topic in PSHE.

- **French** will continue to be taught by Mrs. Schumann on a Wednesday afternoon
- **P.E.** – Dodgeball

Weekly Routines

- P.E – Friday afternoon
- Spelling Tests – The spelling tests will continue to be on a Thursday Morning with new spellings being given on a Friday 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, me or Mrs Lloyd will be available at drop off in the mornings, 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)