



Autumn 2018

# STJB Year Two



## Knock, Knock

Dear Parents,

This term our topic is Knock, Knock. In **Science**, we will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. The children will be naming plants and observing, classifying and grouping them. We will investigate how light, water and temperature affect growth. After half term the children will be looking at materials, their uses and properties and how they can be changed.

In **Geography**, we will be learning about Findon village. We will be going on a walk around the village to identify key features. The children will be learning how to use maps and make their own.

During **History** this half term the children will be comparing old and new houses. After half term the children will be learning about castles. We will be looking at why castles were built, why they were built in particular locations and why they have been built with key features. The children will be creating simple timelines of different castles. Before half term we will be visiting Arundel castle to introduce the children to the topic of castles.

In **Computing**, the children will be learning to create a computer program using simple algorithms. They will be learning to know how to refine searches using the Search tool and how to use 2Email in Purple Mash to write to 2Respond characters. The children will be learning to understand how we talk to others when they aren't there in front of us.

During **PE**, the children will be taking part in gymnastics. They will be learning to turn, spin and

twist on different parts of their bodies learning to show control and co-ordination. They will be using these skills to create a routine on the floor and apparatus. The children will also be taking part in games lessons where they will be focusing on throwing, catching and inventing games.

In **RE**, we will be learning about Creation. The children will be learning that Christians believe God created the universe and that we should care for the world. They will also be learning about the story of Jesus' birth and why Jesus is important for Christians.

In **Music** we will be continuing to learn new songs linked to our topic. The children will also be learning songs for our K.S.1 Christmas play.

In **D.T** the children will be learning to make mechanisms used in castles such as levers, sliders, wheels and axles. They will be using the mechanisms to make a moving portcullis and drawbridge.

In **Art** the children will be looking at the artist Colin Thompson and creating their own Dream house black line pen drawings. We will also be studying Paul Klee's painting 'Castle in the sun' and creating our own versions using different materials.

During **Open Futures** the children will be cooking, gardening, filming and participating in philosophical discussions. During gardening the children will be learning to Identify plants in our school gardens and label parts of plants. In cooking they will be cooking a variety of savoury and sweet recipes. They will be using maths measuring skills to weigh ingredients.



This term we will continue to draw on all our different **ELLI** learning styles to help us with our different areas of learning.



This is just an outline of what the children will be exploring during this topic. We are using these news letters to give you information about your child's education. This will replace the foundation subjects comments on the annual report.

### Homework

Please share books and hear your child read regularly. We will be giving weekly maths tasks to support your child in their maths learning. Each week We will be giving out spellings for your child to practise, this will help your child with their reading and writing. Please give your homework in on a Tuesday. It will be given out on a Thursday.

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