

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

We had a wonderful first half term back , and we were busy learning all about The Blue Abyss (everything under-the-sea). As you haven't had the opportunity to come into our classroom, our walls were packed with beautiful art work, poems and facts about sea creatures.



Thank you for the wide range of fantastic homework that your children have completed and presented. Here are a few pictures of the children with their projects. A copy of their own picture is in their Topic books at school, but please email if you would like a copy sent directly.



As you may already know, our next Topic is 'I am Warrior!' We had an amazing WOW day on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Here are a few pictures of the children in their costumes. Again, please email the class email if you would like a picture sent over to you.



## Homework

### Topic

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November, there will be a suggested list of Topic homework ideas for your child to have a go at on the school website (class page). They can be completed, or brought in, for the week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December (final hand-in date Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December).

## Spellings

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November, I will hand out spellings for the children to practise for the following week. They will also be available on the class page. Once **Google Classrooms** is set up, spellings will be on there (see more information about this at the end of the newsletter).

## Reading

Remember to keep reading with your child and writing in their reading records. I apologise again that we can't sign the records (due to Covid restrictions), but thank you for all of your comments so far. The children receive a praise postcard when they have read three times at home (with their records signed).

## Maths

Please also encourage your child to keep practising their maths skills on TTRockstars. I have given out all the log ins and passwords. Please email me [forgetmenot@stjames.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:forgetmenot@stjames.derbyshire.sch.uk) if you need a reminder/any extra Maths work.

Here are some great **extra websites** that the children can log on at home:

**Woodlands Junior** (also known as **Primary Homework Help**) an excellent site with games and challenges in maths and grammar. It is also has a great History section (great for our Roman topic)!

**Topmarks** have some free grammar, maths and spelling games.

**BBC Bitesize** is always fantastic and has lots of videos.

## Extra information

**Swimming** has been held off until at least Christmas. It's a shame, but we will let you know when we get more information. Some

children will have to be prioritised over others as they didn't get the chance to swim last year due to lockdown.

**Instruments** have been given out on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Due to current restrictions, the children will not be able to take them home until after Christmas (at the earliest). Any further questions about them, feel free to send an email over and I will pass this on to the Music Teacher.

**Google Classroom** is in the process of being set up. Extra homework activities will be posted on there. I will update you by text when this happens. 😊

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Weir.