

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER – SPRING TERM 2018/19

### UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

**Careers Week:** It is National Careers Week from 4<sup>th</sup> March until the 9<sup>th</sup> and during this week pupils will be encouraged to think about their life beyond school. Some pupils will attend our Careers Fair which will involve meeting some professionals from different fields and listening to discussions about different job roles. We also hope to host some college and university students to discuss some of the different routes that they have taken. We will also hold some taster sessions for students to try out different work related learning activities such as being a receptionist, chef, artist, gardener and grounds person. If you are interested in supporting our careers week by speaking to our pupils about your profession or know anybody who would be able to support us please contact Amy Blaskett via email at [amyblaskett@jigsawschool.co.uk](mailto:amyblaskett@jigsawschool.co.uk) to register your interest and for more information.



**History Week:** In March we shall be taking part in History Week with the theme of Great British Artists. There will be multiple activities on offer to the pupils including learning about the artists, creating their own art work and researching new techniques. Our aim is for our pupils to explore different art works and to have fun whilst doing so!



**Rocksteady Foundation Music Workshops:** On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February we welcome a group of talented musicians to run workshops with some of the classes. Pupils will have the opportunity to play various instruments from electric guitars to drums and also show case their singing potential by joining in with singing along to the songs played.

### **Safety in the Community Week: 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

During this week we will be teaching our pupils about how to stay safe within their community. This will include activities such as learning about different community helpers, how to stay safe when riding a bike in the community and what to do if they get lost. There will be a variety of games, art activities and food technology sessions throughout the week.



### **Sports for Champions: 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

We are very lucky to have Ezekiel Ewulo coming to Jigsaw School and complete activities with the pupil. Ezekiel is a long jumper that has represented Team GB and Nigeria in various competitions. His visit to Jigsaw School is part of the Sport for Champions project. This helps pupils to be motivated for sport, as well as raising money for the school and to

help Ezekiel's career. The day will consist of Ezekiel demonstrating his sport to the pupils, completing circuits with the pupils and presenting an assembly about his career.

## Music for Autism: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019



We are again lucky enough to welcome back the Music for Autism team to perform a concert for our pupils. We have had great success throughout the years with these concerts with the pupils choosing which songs they want to hear, singing along and dancing. We are very much looking forward to their concert in April.

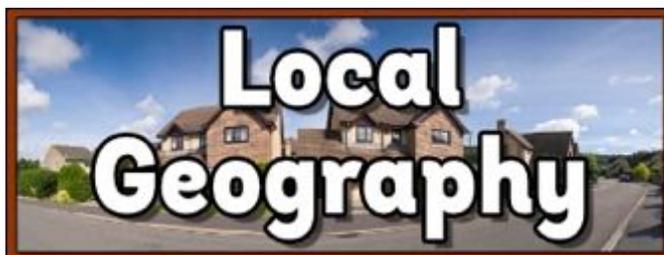
## KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

SPRING TERM	
1 <sup>st</sup> half term	Wednesday 2nd January 2019 – Inset Day
	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January – Pupils Return
	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> January – Safety in the Community Week
	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> January – Sport for Champions (GB long jumper visit)
	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Week
	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day
	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February – Rocksteady Foundation music workshops
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February - 2pm finish for pupils, school breaks up for half-term
2 <sup>nd</sup> half term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February – Inset Day
	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February – Pupils Return
	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March – Careers Week
	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day
	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March – Communication Week
	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April - Music for Autism concerts
	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April – History Week: Great British Artists
	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April - Last day of term, 2pm finish for pupils

## TOPIC CURRICULUM (KS1 TO KS3):

This term in topic, pupils will be learning about contrasting localities, specifically comparing the city, countryside and beaches. They can get a feel for what it is like in the different areas, using their senses

to explore the sounds, sights and smells they might discover. Pupils can find out about their local towns and compare what they know about them by going to visit different areas in their locality. In RE the question being asked is 'why do Jewish people celebrate Shabbat?' where



they can re-enact the celebration and make the food that is used. The French focus will be on food and drink, and describing what the pupils like and dislike about some food and drink while in a café role play.



In the second part of the term, pupils will be learning about different forces and the effect magnets have on different materials and themselves. They can explore different types of magnets and what happens between the poles of magnets, conducting experiments to decide which materials are magnetic and how strong they are. Pupils can also explore the effect of different materials on friction and movement. In RE we will be

asking the question 'what is a church?', 'what happens in a church?', and 'how is the Christian faith expressed through worship?' They can look at what is different about churches to other places of worship and make stained glass windows. The French focus will be parts of the body and face, pupils can learn the French version of heads, shoulders, knees and toes, and learn to say some new words.

## PE (KS1-4)

The current PE topic is bat and ball skills and we will move on to circuits during the second half of the term. In each lesson, there is an emphasis on the importance of warm up and cool down activities. Pupils across the Key Stages will complete various warm up games such as the 'bean game' and the 'traffic light' game where they will practice moving in different ways (fast, slow, jumping etc.) according to visual or vocal directions presented by their teachers. They will also consolidate the different stretches learnt last term in their gymnastics and yoga topics and also practice these as part of their warm up activities.



Pupils in Key Stage 1 will focus on skills relating to co-ordination by working on different ways of sending and receiving balls. These activities include partner work with teachers and peers, including rolling, throwing, kicking and batting.

In Key Stage 2, pupils will work on increasing the accuracy that they throw and catch by taking part in games using different targets. For example, in one game, pupils work in teams to throw small balls and bean bags into different baskets to earn points for their team. Pupils also work on their accuracy in kicking balls by playing games related to scoring goals in different sized goals.

The pupils in Key Stages 3 and 4 further develop these skills by playing a variety of individual and team games including, hot potato, dodge ball and piggy in the middle.

Throughout all Key Stages, pupils will be encouraged to reflect on their own learning by discussing what they have done in each lesson and how they can develop in future sessions.

## FOOD TECHNOLOGY

**KS 1:** Pupils in Key Stage 1 complete food technology sessions related some basic skills needed to prepare healthy snacks. This term the key skills involved are spreading, grating and mixing. Throughout lessons, the emphasis is placed on the importance of a healthy and varied diet and pupils are encouraged to explore different foods and make choices about the ingredients they want to use in their cooking. We look at where our food has come from and start to think about evaluating our recipes and making decisions about what ingredients we enjoyed or did not enjoy.

**KS 2-4:** This term the theme for food technology sessions is 'Be a baker'. Pupils will learn about how bread is made, the different variations from around the world and its role in a healthy and varied diet. The pupils will also learn how to prepare food safely and hygienically.



Pupils in Key Stage 2 will be learning how to bake breads and biscuits and how to flavour them with savoury ingredients. The pupils will be working on developing their motor skills through mixing, kneading and shaping their bakery products and on their listen and respond skills through collecting ingredients/equipment and following recipe instructions.

Pupils in Key stages 3-4 will be learning how to make unconventional breads and how to include vegetables as a core ingredient in baking. The pupils will be working on their listener/reader comprehension skills by following a set of instructions and refining and adapting existing cookery skills. Pupils will also be encouraged to complete activities with increased independence.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

During this term the School Council members will be meeting to discuss the Ofsted Questionnaires for pupils – this topic was scheduled for the last term but due to the involvement of the School Council with choosing of the equipment for the new playground there wasn't enough time to discuss it. SC will be also involve in selecting fundraising activities for our Charity of the Year, The Born Free Foundation, and also for Red Nose Day (Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup> March).

## WIDER COMMUNITY & CHARITY EVENTS

**World Book Day (WBD) – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

A variety of activities will be taking place as part of WBD. We have planned for sensory story telling workshops, puppet theatre shows, reading challenges in classes and across school, peer reading sessions and a mufti day on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, when pupils and staff will be invited to dress up as their favourite book character in exchange for a donation towards supporting our nominated charity of the year the Born Free Foundation.



**Red Nose Day:** We're getting ready for the Talent Show (entry for a donation), every pupil and staff member is welcomed, and we're dressing in red for a donation. There will be a cake sale with weird/wonky cakes and Red Noses will be available for purchase from Monday the 11th March and the staff team will have an opportunity to take part in the Staffroom sweepstake.



## KS4 ASDAN CURRICULUM

The theme this term is Knowing How (KH), which will be explored across various topics and activities. In English the pupils will have the opportunity to show they know how to listen to the story and in Maths how to use kitchen measures. In DT they will have an opportunity to create a dish of their choice and in Science to show the differences between yourselves and their friends. We'll have a go at Spanish as the Modern Foreign Languages topic requires the pupils to 'Listen to words spoken in a modern foreign language and show that you understand them'. We will be also helping others, either with household jobs around the school or via fundraising for the Charity of the Year, the Free Born Foundation, and the Red Nose Day. There still will be time for many other things such as art, as the pupils will be creating an object for a display, ICT and the Online Safety and History (learning about a famous person from history).



## SIXTH FORM NEWS



This term our pupils will be taking part in Pottery & Ceramics sessions as part of their Jigsaw College focus. This links closely to one of the ASDAN Towards Independence modules and pupils will get the opportunity to make different types of pots, tiles and models. Pupils are also going to continue to take part in Surrey SATRO sessions to develop their woodworking skills; these sessions are always very enjoyable! We will also be continuing our Friday morning yoga sessions with Mark due to their popularity. These sessions have helped pupils develop flexibility, independence skills, stamina as well as helping with relaxation techniques.

This term the pupils will also be actively involved in school wide events such as Safer Internet Week, World Book Day, Careers Week and History Week. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead!