



Welcome to Class 8

Welcome back from what I hope was a fantastic summer break. I am the new class teacher for class 8. I am very excited to get started and for the year ahead. This is an overview of the exciting topics we have in store for the next half term and some important information you need to be aware of.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know you all much better throughout the year. If you have any concerns or queries then please don't hesitate to get in touch at s.ball@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk.

Sincerely,

Simon Ball

Naomi Harrison

Spellings

Spellings will be given out every Friday and will be tested the following Friday. Spelling lists will be stuck onto one side of their spellings books which will provide ample space for them to practice alongside.

Literacy

In our literacy lessons we will start by focusing on the classic fiction text Gulliver's Travels by Jonathon Swift. We will use a variety of active reading strategies to engage with the story and extract the key themes. This text will then be used as a basis for the pupil to write their own retelling of the tale with some imaginative innovations.

Later on in the half term, we will move onto a non-fiction unit which will be focusing on non-chronological reports. We will immerse ourselves in good examples and identify the key features of this style of writing. The pupils will then produce their own report on the famous geographical features of Great Britain.

You could help at home by encouraging your child to think about the stories you read together and how they would change them if they were retelling it (e.g. a new setting or main character).

Homework

Homework will be sent out half termly in the form of a homework menu. This menu will set out homework that is compulsory but also includes the option for pupils to select which projects they want to complete. This approach will hopefully encourage a lot of imagination and creativity.

The deadline for these projects to be submitted is 14th October.

Maths

This half term the areas we will be covering are place value, length and perimeter, statistics and addition and subtraction.

You can help at home by asking your child the value of each digit within a number up to 9999 (e.g. the value of the 7 in 1726 is 700).

Times Tables

This will be a big focus in Year 4 in preparation for the Times Tables test at the end of the year. Times Table practice will be done in class and I kindly ask it is done as much as possible at home. Times tables test will be conducted every Friday to ensure all pupils are making progress.

Reading

Every child has been given a school reading book, which continues the whole school system for colour bands. As always, it is imperative that reading is practiced at home as much as possible. Please ensure that these are being recorded in their reading records and that these are brought into school every day. This is so they can earn their milestone certificates and we can progress them up the bands when appropriate.

It is your child's responsibility to change their own book when they have finished but please get in contact if you feel this isn't being done.

Your child will access daily guided reading sessions which are a mixture of teacher led and reading for pleasure.

Art

Who is the most significant British artist?

P.E

What is more important-
attack or defence?
Tag Rugby

French

Tu es britannique?
(Are you British)

R.E

What is Prayer?



Term Theme- What makes
Britain Great?

Music

What is a Ukulele
and how do I play it?

Science

Which amphibians
choose to live in the UK?

Geography

What makes Great
Britain great?

Computing

How can I present
research?

Days to Remember

Wed- Class will be taught by Mrs Turner for the afternoon.

Thursday- Pupils must bring Ukulele and come to school in P.E kit and suitable footwear.

Friday- Times Table and spelling tests done at school. New lists sent home.