St John's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after what I hope was a fun and enjoyable summer. We are about to begin our final year at St John's Primary School and it's going to be a busy one! This half term, much of our learning will focus on the country of Brazil & the Amazon Rainforest, followed by World War II and the occupation of Jersey in the second half term.

	First half term	Second half term
English	Various texts linked to Brazil and WWII. Writing tasks: powerful descriptions, non-chronological reports, poems. Grammar: conjunctions, commas, brackets, dashes, commas, semi-colons, colons, dashes, relative clauses.	
Maths	Numbers to 10,000,000. Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.	Fractions. Converting Units.
Science	Living things and their habitats	Electricity
Geography/ History	Brazil and the Amazon Rainforest	World War II and the occupation of Jersey
Art / DT	David Hockney study – Batik, colour-mixing, acrylic painting. Workshop with local artists.	Moving toys
Computing	E-Safety	Communication and the internet
PE	On Tuesdays, children will benefit from basketball lessons with sports coach Mr Gilmour. On Fridays, they will focus on sports-based sessions.	
PSHE	My Happy Mind – Meet your brain, places and celebrate	
Music	Dragon Beats Project – digital music	Express, Inspire and Perform
RE	How does faith help when life gets hard?	For Christians, what kind of king is Jesus?

As a Rights Respecting School, we will continue to focus on the rights of the child across the curriculum.

<u>Sensitive Topics</u>

We have some areas of learning this half term which could be potentially triggering to come children. I have outlined these below- if you would like more detail, or to discuss the possible implications for you child please get in touch.

1. RE: death- how do different religions view death? The Christian view of Jesus dying for our sins and his subsequent resurrection; the Hindu view of reincarnation; how religious and non-religious people find comfort after a death.
2. Computing: bullying (with a specific focus on cyberbullying).

<u>Home Learning</u>

Weekly homework will consist of:

- ***Spellings***- sent home on Monday to be tested the Friday. This will continue with children selecting activities similarly to last year. Children will also receive class rewards for completing activities on Spelling Shed (**play.edshed.com**); children should use their usual school log in and password. These activities will be automatically set to recap spellings from previous weeks.
- ***Reading***- 15-20 minutes per night, 5 days per week. Children have been given an Accelerated Reader number and are asked to complete a 'quiz' once they have completed a book to check their understanding. Class and whole school rewards will be given out to celebrate progress.
- ***Maths*** – White Rose Maths Practice Journal activities will be given out each Monday based on the prior week(s) learning. Class rewards will also be given out for completing activities on Times Tables Rock Stars (**ttrockstars.com**). Should your child find the White Rose Practice Journal activities too demanding, please note this in their book and ask them to complete activities on Times Tables Rock Stars instead – we can always review the journal activity in school together.

Kind regards,
Miss Clavel

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Can I take this opportunity to inform you that it may take up to 48 hours for us to reply to your emails, unless your query is urgent. If urgent, please send email to admin@stjohn.sch.je. Responses to emails will usually be sent between the hours of 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Please note that all teaching staff are working with children during the school day and can only respond to emails during non-contact time.