



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Autumn 1 2022 Curriculum Newsletter

Key Dates and Celebrations this half term:

Friday 23 rd September	Jeans 4 Genes Day
Monday 26 th September	Navaratri – Hindu celebration
	Rosh Hashanah – Jewish celebration
Monday 3 rd October	Black History Month begins
Tuesday 4 th October	Feat of St Assisi – Christian celebration
	Dussehra – Hindu celebration
Wednesday 5 th October	Yom Kippur – Jewish celebration
Monday 10 th October	Sukkot – Jewish celebration
24 th -28 th October	Half term – school closed
Monday 24 th October	Diwali – Hindu celebration
Monday 31 st October	INSET – school closed to pupils

RISE UP

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you all back from the summer holidays after having such a warm summer!

We are all thrilled to go back to school and excited to welcome the children! As we embark on a new journey, we look forward to the new learning opportunities that are in store for the children this year. I certainly hope to learn more about Elm and discover their hidden interests and talents. We have some innovative and exciting learning opportunities that I think the children will enjoy, such as the invention of the torch as part of our "London Underground" unit. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to schedule a meeting! Bring on the new year and new experiences!

Thank you, Miss James and Michelle

Elm Tree Class



UNDERGROUND

IDENTITY



SOCIETY



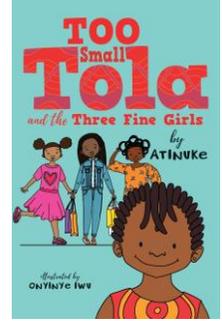
ASPIRATION



For **Writing**, we will be exploring a variety of different written styles. We will begin by creating a fantasy narrative exploring an underground world of suspense before researching and creating an information text about the London Underground. We will also develop our formal letter writing skills as we try to recover property lost whilst on a journey on The Tube. Each week, lessons will have a grammar focus, such as fronted adverbials.

In **Computing**, we will create our own, shared mini Wikipedia about The London Underground, with different children creating the content for different pages. The children will learn to use Google to work collaboratively to amend and publish content.

We are reading...



In **Maths**, we will begin the year recapping and consolidating the children's knowledge surrounding place value. Children will be given opportunities to explore what they have learnt in different contexts such as puzzles or word problems, where they need to think outside the box, think logically and systematically. The children will also have the opportunity to develop their understanding of Roman numerals and ideas around where place value developed in history. Practising times tables and number bonds will be ongoing and children will enjoy lots of fun and frequent activities to ensure they know these important maths facts, such as songs, games in class, TTRS and Hit the Button and good old chanting!

This half term in Year 4...

In **Reading**, the children will work in class to support their reading progress. We will work on our phonics knowledge, fluency and understanding skills, whilst reading a variety of engaging texts throughout the term. We will use dictionaries to define unfamiliar words, and apply our growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes. The children will also have many reading opportunities throughout the week, including partner-reading sessions, small group sessions and whole class reading comprehension lessons. We have regular 1:1 reading to an adult and whole class quiet reading where children can lose themselves in their book!

In **Science**, we explore electricity! We will be going underground in this topic and will need a torch to light the way. We will be constructing simple circuits and learning about how to work safely with electricity.

In **RE**, we will discuss and question how belief in God affected people's actions in the Old Testament. We will also explore and debate the impact it has had on Christians today. The children are always encouraged to identify similarities and differences in differing beliefs and look to develop answers to important questions about life and morality.

In **Geography**, we investigate what lies beneath our feet as we venture under the city of London exploring both the human and physical geography of the urban area around us. This term, we hope to make visits to the London Transport Museum and the hidden Roman temple of Mithras!

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on **Fridays**.