



St Martin's Class: Mr Slater

St Cecilia's Class: Mr Ocansey

All too soon, we have come to the end of our first half term this academic year. It has been an excellent start on this journey.

We are also very pleased with the responses of the projects returned this half term. Children had the opportunity to talk about their project work to the peers in class as a Year Group presentation and a way of celebrating their effort and their work. Very well-done children!

Next Term (Week 1, Autumn 2) Curriculum

ENGLISH: Next half term week, we will be starting a new text entitled, Journey to Jo'burg, by Beverley Naidoo. This ties in with Black History Month.

Reading focus: Descriptive Devices

Writing focus: Diary Writing

Grammar focus: Relative Clauses

Spelling focus: -ant/-ent/-ance/-ence

MATHS: Next half term, we will continue with the block of lessons on Properties of Shape.

For the first week, children will be drawing and measure lines and angles We will also use protractors to measure angles.

R.E TOPIC: Life Choices

After half term, we will be concluding our topic on Life Choices, focusing specifically on the sacrament of marriage, reflecting on the importance of commitment.

SCIENCE TOPIC: Will we ever send another human to the moon?

Next half term, we will be beginning our new Science topic all to do with the Earth, Moon and Space. We will start by discussing what we already know about the topic, before learning more about the Solar System and the planets around us.

COMPUTING: Blogging / Online Safety

Now we have finished our topic on Databases, we will be beginning our next topic on blogging using an online software. We will also be continuing our topic of online safety.

GEOGRAPHY TOPIC: What's so Special about the Rainforest?

After the half term break, we will be beginning our new geography topic on the rainforest. Tying quite nicely into our previous work on Brazil, we will start by learning about where rainforests are located around the world. We will also be teaching the children about the Tropic of Capricorn, the Tropic of Cancer, and the Equator.

FRENCH: Children will continue lessons taught by Madame Severine alongside their class teacher. The focus until Christmas will be on greetings, common classroom commands, and expressing opinions about different school subjects.

We are also happy to announce that we have confirmed our first trip this year to the **Science Museum on Tuesday 22nd November.** Please see the letter sent home separately for details.

HOMEWORK – No homework over the half term

READING: Your child should continue reading the book provided with the reading journals which must be in have been returned to them. Please, kindly note the *date*, *book title*, *pages read* and *brief comment* on their reading.

We have also allocated children their first book on **Bug Club** now that it is up and running. Please read the **first half of the book 'Ampata and the Scarlett Macaws': 'The Lake at the Edge of the World'** (up to page 30).

To log in to Bug Club, your **child's username will be the first 4 letters of their first name, followed by the first four letters of their surname.**

Their passcode will be their class' name (Martin/Cecilia).

SPELLING: Please encourage your child to continue learning their spellings on the suffixes '*ant/ent/ance/ence*' so far.

Children should use Spelling Log sheets to practice words identified over the course of the term that children have needed to correct before. Children should complete these spelling logs over the course of half term.

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HALF TERMLY PROJECT: We will set up the next Half termly project in the course of the term so watch this **space**.

