

# Bonjour!



# Cool Caribbean



The first four weeks of the Autumn term are covered by our *Bonjour* topic, where we introduce the children to French for the first time and learn about France.

Then, the temperature is rising as we soar over to the Caribbean for our *Cool Caribbean* topic for the rest of the term. This half term will be a very creative one, focussing on art, DT and music as well as geography.

Other subjects will continue to be taught discretely, including: maths, French, PE, RE and PSHE.



**Reading**  
In reading this half term, we will be focusing on the brilliant book *Oliver and the Seawigs*, practising our retrieval and inference skills.

**Recommended reading:**  
If your child is enjoying *Oliver and the Seawigs*, try out some other books by Phillip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre such as *Cakes in Space* and *Pugs of the Frozen North*.



**Maths**  
In maths, the children will be focusing on their place value skills and learn new ways to add and subtract mentally. They will also look at the column method for both of these operations.

**Science**  
The children will be learning all about light and shadow. We will carry out different tests and investigations to see how light behaves and how shadows are formed.

**Geography**  
The children will be learning about the physical and human features of the Caribbean and comparing them to the UK using atlases, globes and other sources of evidence.

**French**  
We will begin our French learning with greetings, and asking introductory questions.

**English**  
To begin our topic, the children will be writing short stories about an island adventure. We will follow this up with a non-chronological report all about the Caribbean.

**Home Learning**  
We would like you to research a country from the Caribbean. Can you locate it on a map? Choose how to display the information. It could be a poster, fact file, power point presentation or collage of pictures.  
**Due week beginning: 7th October 2024**

**Art**  
In art, the children will look at different patterns in fabric and then use printing to create our own Caribbean-inspired fabrics.

**DT**  
We will be learning how to sew and creating our own Caribbean flags.

**Computing**  
The children will be learning how to best use the computer system here at HJS, as well as looking at how to stay safe when using a computer.

**Reminders**  
**PE:**  
Thursdays.  
**Spellings:**  
Given out Friday and tested Thursday.  
Homework due on Friday.  
**English and Maths Homework:**  
Set on a Thursday, due in following Wednesday.