

JOURNEYS

'The only impossible journey is the one you never begin...'

Curriculum:

English: Our focus text is called 'The Breadwinner' by Deborah Ellis. A book which explores the themes of belonging and acceptance, we will be using the book to explore what it means to be a refugee through the writing of an extended narrative, formal letters and instructions. Our **Reading** will also link with these themes, through the stories of the wonderful Onjali K Rauf. In **Maths**, we will be looking at angles in order to draw and estimate angles of different sizes and then using these skills to draw shapes with accuracy, before revising many of the topics covered in the year so far. In **Science**, we are looking at the pioneering work of Carl Linneaus in the field of classification as we examine techniques and pre-requisites for cataloguing organisms in the natural world. Our **Geographical** work, rather excitingly, incorporates art in order to study the physical and geographical features of the contrasting locations of The Grand Canyon and Bradford-on Avon. **R.E.** sees us looking at the 'Five Pillars' of Islam and how Hajj (a devotional journey) plays a major role in expressing devotion to God (Allah). In **PSHEE** we will be looking at how we can nurture our own mental well-being by recognising how and when to ask for help and examining how we can most effectively communicate how we feel. In **Art**, we will be working with clay, in order to create coil pots and in **P.E.** the two sessions have a dual foci: Striking and fielding skills in Kwik cricket, and orienteering and map reading skills.

Passports at the ready for our new topic, as we explore the notion of journeys, both physical and spiritual. Our summer term sees us further into our Christ Church journeys, with plenty to look forward to in our learning and in our recognition of new horizons just around the corner...

General reminders and routines:

P.E. is now on a Monday, so please send your child in to school wearing P.E. kit on both Monday and Tuesday for P.P.A sessions.

Homework will be handed out on a Thursday, to be handed in on the following Tuesday, with spelling tests on a Wednesday morning. T.T. Rockstars is still live every week for your child to practise their fluency in all of the times tables facts. We would like to take this opportunity to remind everybody concerned of the need, in readiness for the increased volume of homework at secondary school, for promptness when handing work in, and to ensure that the homework is carried out to a high standard.

Key dates:

Thursday 22nd April – visit from Mr Farrar, Head teacher of St Laurence

Monday 3rd May – May Bank Holiday