**Year 1 and 2 Autumn Term 1 Newsletter.**

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful holiday and are ready to have a successful year in Year 1 and 2

Our first topic in Year 1 and 2 is ‘The Island,’ which will be a whole school focus for 4 weeks.

During the topic, we will be learning about different animal groups, the oceans and how to create and draw our own turtles.

**Our core value: Community**

As we start a new academic year at the Academy at St James, we will be focusing on our core value of **Community**. We are keen to promote the positive role of our school community- which extends to the wider community of parents/carers. It is important that the children understand how communities work together and that we can all make a difference. We thank you for helping us develop this mind-set and encourage you to actively discuss and participate in the community with your child.

**Talk Topics**: Talk to your children about:

* What is a community?
* Are all communities the same?
* Are all communities different?
* How can we positively impact our community?
* What does our community look like at St James?

Homework: Spellings will be set over weekly via Classdojo. Project homework will be set half termly.

P.E: All children are required **to come to school in their PE uniform**. When the weather starts to get colder, children are able to come in black jogging bottoms and wear their school jumper.

Monday- Successful swans

Thursday- Daring ducklings and Swooping starlings

**Teaching Staff:**

In Daring ducklings- Miss Petty, Mrs Simpson and Miss Ahmed

In Swooping sparrows- Mrs Pitts and Mrs Spiers

In Successful swans- Mrs Gibbons and Miss Hetherington