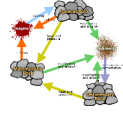


Science

In science we will be learning about **Rocks**. We will be learning about the different types of rocks, examining their properties and uses. We will also explore the significance of fossils and the process of fossilisation.

Our key scientist is **Mary Anning**, a Palaeontologist and fossil collector.



Art

This half term, Year 3 will be presenting information on:

Artist's; Henry Matisse and Esther Mahlangu



Building on their Art lessons, the children will experiment with colour and technique to produce portraits in the style of Henri Matisse. They will also discover the processes behind printmaking, inspired by the vibrant work of Esther Mahlangu.



Reading

In our reading lessons, we will continue reading a variety of quality fiction and non-fiction texts and answer comprehension questions about them.

Children are expected to read for **20 minutes each night** and **record a summary** of what they have read in their reading records.

Please make sure your child brings in to school their school **reading book** and **reading record every day**.



Computing

This half term we will focus on:
Connecting Computers

We will look at how digital devices function and how digital devices change the way we work.



St John and St James C of E Primary School Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 3, welcome back to SJSJ and we hope you've had a fabulous summer!

It's been a brilliant first few weeks back for Year 3, who have approached the move into KS2 with confidence and maturity. We couldn't be prouder of the class and can't wait for the exciting year ahead.

Adults working in Year 3

Miss Roche
Miss Kasia
Miss Rees



Humanities Focus: History

This term we will be basing our learning around the exciting topic of **The Stone Age!**

We will delve into history by learning about our earliest ancestors and answering our key question:

What was life like in Stone Age Britain?

We will be looking at what life was like for hunter-gatherers and nomadic communities through primary and secondary sources of evidence.

We will also be learning about the first communities who settled into a permanent location and how that has affected how we live now.

Writing

In writing this half term, our key text will be *Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura.

Using this text as inspiration, we will be focusing on components of a main clause, using ambitious adjectives, conjunctions and various sentence starters to write diary entries.

Following on from that, we will be using the text and the knowledge learned in our History lessons to write a letter and newspaper report.



Maths

This half term, we will be consolidating our addition and subtraction skills. We have been identifying the addends and the sum in equations, using part-whole models to support our learning.

We will begin to look at 3 digit numbers, and use our place value knowledge to write addition and subtraction equations. We will then apply our knowledge to problem solving tasks.

We will also practise our times tables, and count from and across 100.

Times table Rock stars

All children will have now received their own personal logins for Times Table

Rock stars. Please encourage your child to engage with this website regularly and support them with their fluent recall of key number facts.



PE

PE will take place on *Wednesday afternoons*.

Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit each week. This term's focus is *Basketball*.



RE

This half term our learning will aim to answer this BIG question - *What is The Bible's Big Story?*

Once we have learnt what The Bible is, we will learn about a different core concept of Christianity each week. Topics we will cover include the meaning of incarnation, the Kingdom of God and how the Bible influences the lives of Christians today.



PSHE

Our values focus this half term is: *Being Me and My World*.

We will be reflecting on our achievements and how to recognise different emotions in ourselves and others. We will then look at why rules are important and how they relate to rights and responsibilities.



Homework

Homework will be uploaded to Google Classroom weekly. Every Friday, you will receive a brief overview of learning across the week, as well as *10 spelling words, the times table we have been focusing on* and some *reading comprehension support*.

Children will be tested on their spelling words every *Monday*, with the first spelling test set to take place on *Monday 21st September*.

Children's Google Classroom logins will be stuck in the inside cover of their reading records. Each child will receive a homework book to complete their weekly homework. Please keep the book at home, as it does not need to be returned to school.



Dates for the diary

Thursday 29th September: Black History Month Walking Quest (with Hackney Museum)

Wednesday 14th October: 2:45pm Y3/4 Parent Coffee meeting