



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

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 4,
welcome back to SJSJ !

We hope you had a wonderful, relaxing
summer break!

**We are looking forward to learning lots of new,
exciting things this year!**



Adults working in Year 4

Miss Al-Sahar
Miss Karakas

Humanities



This term we will be basing our learning
around the exciting topic of '**The Victorians**'.

We'll explore Victorian-era childhood, starting with a
comparison of Victorian Hackney and today.
We'll examine how schools, health, medicine, and
religion affected children then. Additionally, we'll
research Victorian Workhouses and debate their safety
for children.

PE

PE will take place every **Tuesday**.



The focus for this half term is:
basketball. Be reminded that
children are to come to school in their
PE kits as this allows them to
maximise their learning time.

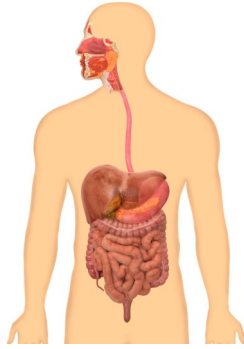
Science

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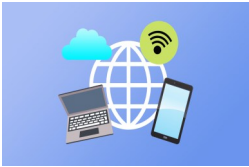
We'll build on our Year 3 knowledge by studying the functions of the digestive system. We'll begin with how saliva enzymes break down food and explore the roles of teeth and organs.

We'll work scientifically by:

- Comparing human and animal digestive systems
- Identifying different types of teeth
- Predicting where living things fit in a food chain
- Investigating the effect of sugar on tooth decay



Computing



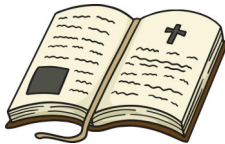
This half term, we will be developing our understanding of **The Internet**. We will discuss ways to stay safe online.

RE

In RE, we will explore the question:

'How did belief in God affect people's actions in the Old Testament?'

We will be learning about key people and stories from the Old Testament and discussing how we can learn from specific Bible stories.



Key dates

Friday 25th September: Class Assembly

Tuesday 22nd September: Black History Month
Walking Quest (with Hackney Museum)

Wednesday 14th October: Parent Coffee Meeting

Thursday 15th October: African Dance Workshops

Friday 16th October: Debate day

Wednesday 21st October: Black History Month
Church Performance

Art

Each week, we'll have art lessons focused on **Pablo Picasso**.



We'll begin with **Cubism**, using colour wheels to paint portraits in Picasso's style. Next, we'll study **Faith Ringgold** and create repeated patterns using polyblock printing.

Home Reading

Children will choose an age-appropriate text from school to read at home and bring this to school **daily**.

Children should read at home for at least **20 minutes each evening** and record it in their green reading journals, which will be checked daily.



Homework

Homework will be uploaded to Google Classroom week, including the spelling words they will be assessed on.

Children are expected to engage with TTRS for 10 minutes each day.



Spanish

This half term in Spanish, Year 4 will explore "¿Qué tiempo hace?" (What's the weather like?).

The children will learn to describe different types of weather, ask and answer simple questions, and create short sentences using familiar vocabulary.

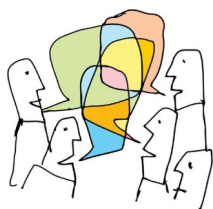
They will also continue developing their Spanish pronunciation and phonics.



Oracy

We will continue to work on our ability to express ourselves verbally through our next Oracy Day.

This will take place on Friday 16th October and once again, we will welcome our parents and carers into class to participate in our class presentation.



We will use the feedback provided by parents and carers to improve our speaking and listening skills.

PSHE



Our PSHE theme for this half term is:

'Being me in my world'

We will use this unit to reconnect with each other and take part in discussions about what shapes our world.

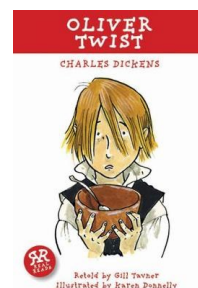
English

Our writing text is **'Oliver Twist'** - retold by Gill Taver.

We will begin by writing character descriptions of Oliver Twist and later composing letters and writing instructions on how to pickpocket!

In our grammar lessons, we will be focusing on:

- Identifying the subject, object and verb in a sentence
- Adding adverbs and adjectives
- Coordinating conjunctions
- Punctuating speech correctly



Maths

This half term, we will be focusing on the following fundamentals:

Place Value

- Reads, writes, orders, compares up to 10,000 (knowing the value of each digit)
- Rounds to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and decimals to the nearest whole.

We will begin by using dienes to represent the value of each digit in a number and applying this knowledge to problem solve and reason in a variety of ways.

This half term we will be focusing on our **4 and 8** times tables. It is really important that the children continue to practise these regularly at home, using **Times Tables Rockstars** for **5 minutes daily**.

