

Science

In science we will be learning about **living things and their habitats**.

We will be able to describe the differences in life-cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. We will also describe the processes of reproduction in some plants.



Our key scientist is **David Attenborough**, who creates wildlife documentaries and has a passion for conservation.

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**.

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 **Tuesday**, with the first spelling test set to take place on Tuesday 22nd 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.



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

Welcome to Year 5 at St John and St James!

We have already had a great start to the Autumn term and we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Adults working in Year 5

**Mr Smith
Ms Chantelle**

Humanities Focus: History

This term we will be basing our learning around the fascinating topic of **The Ancient Romans**.

As we delve into history, we will work towards answering our key question:

Why were the Romans so powerful and what have they done for us?

We will analyse a range of primary and secondary sources to learn about;

- The scale of the Roman Empire
- The Roman invasion of Britain
- Life in Roman Britain
- Emperor Julius Caesar
- Boudica, the rebel leader

Key Dates

Tuesday 13th October
Walking Quest as part of Black History Month

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Parent/teacher coffee afternoon

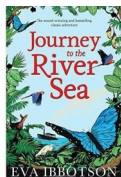
Friday 16th October
Debate Day

Wednesday 21st October
Black History Month performance at church

Writing

In writing this half term, our key text will be
'Journey to the River Sea'
by Eva Ibbotson

Using this text as inspiration, we will be writing for different purposes and audiences, including setting descriptions, diary entries and non-fiction information leaflets about the Amazon.



Our spelling and grammar focuses include;

- Constructing main clauses
- Expanding sentences using subordinate clauses
- Using parenthesis

PE

PE will take place on **Monday afternoon**

Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit each week.

This term's focus is **netball**.



PSHE



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

We will be reflecting being good citizens, understanding our rights and responsibilities, and how rewards and consequences work. We will also explore how behaviour affects others in the group and why having a voice and participating matter in school and beyond.

Oracy

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

This will take place on Friday 16th October. We once again invite parents and carers to join us in class as we carry out a debate based on our History learning on the Romans.

Maths

This half term, we will be focusing on **place value**. We will learn to read, write, order and compare numbers up to 1,000,000, knowing the value of each digit.

We have also expanded on our knowledge of Roman numerals, learning numerals up to 1000 (M).

Later in the term we will cover **addition and subtraction**. We will add and subtract numbers with more than 4 digits using column method, including regrouping.

In year 5, children are expected to be very fluent with their times tables and division facts up to 12x. Please practise on Times Table Rockstars each night.

RE

This half term our learning will aim to answer this key question -
What do the miracles of Jesus teach?

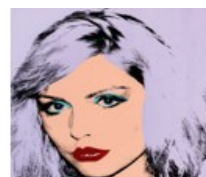
We will learn about the core concept **incarnation**, understand a variety of miracles performed by Jesus and explain how these tell us that Jesus is the Son of God.



Art

This half term we have started looking at the work of the American, pop art artist, Andy Warhol.

We have been exploring facts about the painter's life and works, while observing and critiquing his artwork.



Computing

This half term we will focus on:
Sharing Information

We will look at how we can present information online and how this links to our online reputation.

