



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

PE

We will now have PE on a **Monday**.

This term we will be focusing on **Invasion Games**.

We will learn how to use our passing, dribbling and communication skills in a range of Small Sided Games based on the sports of football and rugby.

Please ensure your child has the correct school PE kit for each session.



Reading at Home

Every child's reading diary will be checked **on a Tuesday**. We will change home reading books on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, so please bring them back in order to get a different one.

Children who are doing **AR** will be changing their books every **Tuesday and Thursday** after completing an AR test.

Please ensure your child is reading for at least 20 minutes each day and encourage them to read aloud to someone when possible.

Homework

Homework will continue to be handed out each week via **google classrooms** on a Friday and must be returned to school by **Tuesday**. **It is the children's responsibility to make sure their homework is handed in.** A writing task, maths activity and spellings will be set each week.



Spellings

The children will also have spelling words to learn for homework each week. In class, the children will look at spelling rules in more depth, through a wider range of games and activities.

We will also continue using **spelling shed** for extra spelling practise. They will be set extra activities through their profiles, which will further support the children in learning and practising their spelling words each week.



Times Tables

As a school, we will continue to use Times Tables Rock Stars, to support the children in learning their times tables and developing their fluency.

By the end of year 2 the children are expected to know their 2s, 3s, 5s and 10 times tables and related division facts.

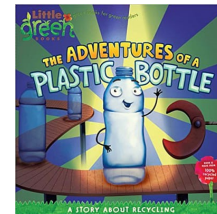


Dear parents and carers of children in Year 2,
Welcome back to SJSJ! We hope you had a relaxing half term and your children are ready for the last term of the year.
Adults working in Year 2

Miss Graham
Mrs Eames

English

In writing our focus text will be:
The adventures of a plastic bottle



We will be using this book to write in two different genres:

- To write a Haiku Poem
- To write a persuasive speech

We will be focusing on using figurative and persuasive language (similes, alliteration and expanded noun phrases). We will be also be using a range of sentence starters including relative and subordinating clauses. We will continue to focus on making sure we are starting our sentences with capital letters and ending them with full stops.

Each child also has their own individual targets that they are working towards and focusing on within our writing lessons.

Key dates

Please find the key dates for this term:

Sports Day—Wednesday 26th June 2024

KS1 Hackney Music Festival—Thursday 27th June 2024

Class assembly — Friday 28th June 2024

Multicultural Evening—Friday 28th June 2024

Reports home—Friday 19th July 2024

Transition Day—Monday 22nd July 2024

Leavers Assembly — Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Maths

This term we will focus on:

- Counting 3s, 5s and 10s
- Statistics
- Position and Direction
- Consolidating



We will start our term by learning all about Statistics by using some fun data recording activities. We then move through to Position and Direction, where we will learn all new language surrounding where things are and turns. We will also spend time consolidating important Place Value and key number facts to prepare us for our learning in Year 3.

All the whilst, we will continue our counting in 3s and ensuring we are very confident with our 5s and 10s also.

Science

In science, our topic is:
Use of everyday materials

Our key question is: What materials would you build a tent out of?

Key scientist: Leo Hendrik Baekeland

We will be looking at different materials that we use everyday. We will be looking at the durability, elasticity and texture of materials that we use for clothes and other important objects. We will also focus on the production of plastic, different types of plastic and what they are used for. This will be linked to our humanities topic Sustainability, as we will look further into how plastics are grouped for recycling.



PSHE

Our values focus this half term is **Changing me**.

We will be learning about the different stages in life. We will be looking at the milestones we experience through our life cycle and how the body and mind develops.



Humanities—Geography

Our new topic this half term is:
Sustainability



Our key question is: What can we do to help the future of our planet?

Our focus is geography and we will be learning about:

- What is the impact of litter in our local community? (field work)
- Our school's carbon footprint
- Global warming
- The effects of plastic pollution
- How we can live sustainably
- How sustainable is my class? (mini field work)



Oracy

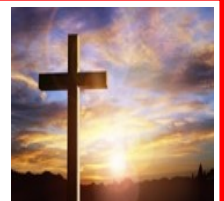
This term we will be continuing to develop each child's capacity to use speech to express their thoughts and communicate with others, in education and in life.

Children will have the opportunity to take part in a big debate based on our geography topic to help hone their oracy skills.



R.E

For RE this half term we will be focusing on **Christianity**.



Our key question is: Why do Christians make and keep promises before God?

We will be looking at the importance of being a part of the church community as a Christian and how they extend this commitment in the extended non-Christian community.

We will also consider Christian ceremonial practices such as baptism and marriage. We will look at how these ceremonial practices allow Christians to make and keep promises before God.