

RE and PSHE

In RE this half term, we will be focusing on Islam. Our key questions is:

'How do Muslims live and embrace their faith in a diverse world?'



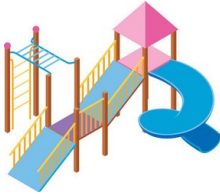
In this topic, we will understand the significance of the Shahadah, explain the importance of zakat, identify the diversity within Islam and discuss how Muslims express their faith in different ways.

In PSHE, our we will be focussing on **'Changing Me'**, discussing change through puberty, body image and preparing for transition into Year 6.

STEAM

Our STEAM focus this half-term is 'Structures'.

Year five will be designing a playground structure and making a scale model to investigate where to add supports to strengthen



Spanish

Year 5's have Spanish lessons on Friday mornings. The Spanish topic is *'La ciudad Espanola: A Spanish Town'* and we will practise asking and answering a variety of everyday questions.

PE

PE is on **Friday**. Please wear full PE kit on this day.

The focus this term will be **cricket**.



Homework

Homework will be uploaded to **Google classrooms** every week. Please use the details in the front of your child's homework book to log in. Children should record their homework in their homework books and return this on **Tuesday**.



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

Welcome to back to school!

We hope you had a lovely, relaxing half term holiday and we are looking forward to continuing some exciting learning in our final half term in year five!

Important Dates

There are some exciting workshops and trips planned in this half term. The dates are as follows:

- Planets workshop for World Environment Day (5/6/24)
- Trip to Hackney Museum and St Augustine's Tower (6/6/24)
- Trip to Hackney Museum for Refugee Week (12/6/24)
- Class Assembly (14/6/24)

Home Reading

Continue reading each night for at least 20 minutes and **summarising** what you have read in your reading record.

The library is open at lunchtimes for you to take AR tests and to change your book, when finished.

Times Tables

Please ensure your child is practising their times tables **each night**. This can be done on TT Rockstars, Hit the Button or by rehearsing aloud.



Science

Our science unit this half term is:
'Earth and space'



We will be investigating:

- What planets are in our solar system?
- How do the planets in our solar system move?
- Why do we only see the sun during the day?
- Why does the moon look different on different nights?

We will have lots of opportunities to answer our own scientific questions in our extended enquiry, which will enable the children to use secondary sources to research answers to their scientific questions.

Key vocabulary we will be using is: axis, orbit, rotates, spherical, solar system, galaxy, eclipse and all the names of the planets!

Can you think of any scientific questions you have about Earth and Space?

Humanities

We will be continuing our geography topic of:

'Let's go on Safari!'

Throughout this topic, we will be answering the key question:

'How has tourism affected Africa's wildlife?'

This half term, we will be evaluating the advantages and disadvantages of tourism in Africa, explain environmental threats to safari locations and suggest ways in which we can travel sustainably.

Key vocabulary we will be using is: tourism, economy, wildlife, extinction, environment, sustainable, impact, global warming.

Oracy

In our oracy lessons, we will be debating the statement:

"Tourism is negatively effecting local communities in safari destinations."

This will be uploaded to the Seesaw app for you to watch at home.

Writing

This half term, Year 5 will continue to base their writing on our key text **'Warrior Boy'** by Virginia Clay.

We will be writing a free-verse poem to describe a Maasai welcoming ceremony, writing a newspaper article about poaching and writing a retelling of key events from the story.

Our **SPAG focuses** will be:

- Using direct speech.
- Using a range of embellished sentence structures, including fronted adverbials, subordinate clauses and relative clauses.

Children will be **challenged** to:

- Include 'drop-in' clauses.
- Write from a range of perspectives.

Please practise your weekly spellings and use Spelling Shed each night.

We will be focusing on homophones and near homophones. When practising these at home, make sure to write the spellings in a sentence.

Maths

The fundamentals that we will be focusing on this half term are:

Decimals

*Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of decimal numbers.

Negative Numbers

*Counting forwards and backwards with positive and negative whole numbers, including passing through zero.

Converting Units and Volume

*Converting between units with milli and kilo prefixes.

*Recognise measures of volume and capacity and understanding cm^3 as cubic centimetres.

Computing

Our focus this half term is 'File Databases' that we use to store information, in which we will learn to sort and compare data, answering real life questions.

