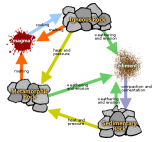


Science



In science we will be learning about **Rocks**. We will focus on the different types of rocks we can find, their properties and their uses. We will also explore the importance 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

The children will use their new knowledge from our Art lessons to create portraits in the style of Henri Matisse by experimenting with colour and techniques. They will also be learning the processes used to produce a simple print based on the works 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!

Year 3 has had a fantastic first week back at school and has shown great maturity in the transition to KS2. We're incredibly proud of them for settling in so well.

Adults working in Year 3

**Miss Graham
Mrs Barrett**



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 impact did The Stone Age have on Modern Society?

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

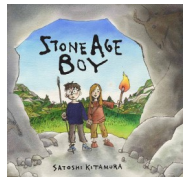
We will also be learning about the first communities who settled into a permanent location and how that has affected how we live now.

English

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 sentence, using effective 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 focusing on **place value**. We will begin to look at 3 digit numbers and represent the value of each digit within a number.

We will then be applying that knowledge to problem solving and reasoning. We will also practise our 3 times tables.

Times table Rockstars

All children have now got their own personal logins for Times Table Rockstars and these can be found in their homework books. 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 **Friday 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 learned 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.



Date for the diary

Tuesday 8th October:

Black History Month Workshop at Hackney Museum

Friday 11th October:

Year 3 Class Assembly

Homework

Homework is handed out each week on Friday and should be returned to school **by Tuesday**. The homework consists of spelling, maths and a topic-based activity.

Please encourage your child to use Spelling Shed. It is a fantastic, fun way for your child to practice their weekly spellings.

