



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

## Science

In science we will focus our learning around **Living things and their habitats.**

We will discuss what we already know about different species and their habitats and share questions that we hope to answer by the end of the topic. We will especially be looking how certain animals adapt to certain habitats and why they are able to survive. We will discuss the importance of being able to classify animals and the ways in which taxonomists have done so.

We will be learning about the five different kingdoms of species, especially focusing on: Kingdom Protista, Kingdom Monera and Kingdom Fungi.



## Computing

In computing this half-term we will be focusing on social media and the ways in which we can use the internet to communicate with others. We will continue to develop our email and blogging skills and will be discussing the importance of staying safe whilst online.



## Marvellous Me

We are going to be continuing our use of Marvellous Me this year, so please download the app if you haven't already done so, as this is a great form of communication between adults and parents.



Dear parents and carers of children in Year 6, we hope you had a wonderful, relaxing break and welcome back!

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to the year and we are really looking forward to all our new learning this term!

## Adults working in Year 6

Miss Stylianou  
Mrs Barrett  
Miss Cameron

## Topic

This half term we will be learning all about **Indonesia and Tsunamis.** We will be focusing on geographical skills, as we begin to understand how Tsunamis are made. We will then build upon our previous learning, as we begin to understand how volcanic eruptions and earthquakes can have the potential to generate tsunamis. We will also be looking at the geographical location of Indonesia, as we think about why tsunamis take place more frequently in the zones of the Pacific Ocean.



## Homework

As usual, homework is handed out each week on a Friday and must be returned to school by **Tuesday.** There is a writing activity, spelling activity and a maths exercise linked to our week's learning.



This half term the homework will not be stuck in homework books. Instead each child will have their own individual folder which will contain their weekly homework. This will be expected back on Tuesday as normal.

## PE

PE will take place on **Friday**.

This half term we will be focusing on our basketball and netball skills. It is essential that your child has the correct school PE uniform for each session.



## RE and Values

In RE lessons, we will be focusing on the beliefs and traditions of **Christianity**. As we begin to discuss the importance of Christian symbols and the messages that we can derive from them.



In Values, we will be discussing the importance of **Compassion** and what this means to us as individuals and within a classroom setting. We will also be focusing on our **Dreams and Goals**, as we focus on our futures and various actions to achieve our personal targets.

## Maths



These are some of the fundamentals that we will be focusing on this half term:

### Multiplication and Division

- Uses their knowledge of the order of operations to carry out calculations involving all 4 operations.
- \* Multiplies 4 digit x 2 digit numbers using long multiplication (up to 2 dp).
- \* Divides 4 digit x 2 digit numbers using long division (interpreting remainders).

### Fractions, Decimals and Percentages

- \*  $\pm$   $\times$   $\div$  fractions with different denominators and mixed numbers (simplest form) & recognises equivalent fractions.
- \*  $\times$   $\div$  by 10, 100 & 1000 up to 3 d places.
- \* Calculates decimal fraction equivalents for a simple fraction.

## Mathletics

This year the children will continue to have access to Mathletics. This will be accessible from home and allow the children to extend their learning outside school. Their logins can be found in the front pages of their homework books.

## Accelerated Reader

Accelerated reading is timetabled for every **Tuesdays** during the extended day. Children will have the opportunity to complete an online test and change their reading books. During lunchtimes, children can also complete AR tests and change books daily.

Children are expected to have their reading books with them **every day**.

## Writing

In writing we will be looking at the story of **Macbeth**. We will be focusing on using descriptive language to help us write our very own witches spell, taking inspiration from the witches in this story. As a class, we will be focusing on: 'show me, don't tell me' descriptions, which encourage children to explain character's thoughts and feelings through detailed vocabulary and figurative language.

We will continue to delve into our key text, as we write poetry to demonstrate the actions of key characters and mysterious events that take place.

Each child will have his or her own writing target to help focus their learning. We hope that they will meet these targets and move on to new ones regularly!

