

Science

In science, our topic is '**Animals Including Humans**', with a focus on parts of the body and senses.

Our Key questions is:
Why do humans and animals need all 5 senses?



We will learn about our 5 senses and by the end of the term be able to identify each sense and explain its purpose. We will also find out why our senses are important to our wellbeing.

As part of this, the children will be working scientifically; they will be making predictions, doing investigations and classifying and grouping.

Reading at Home

Please read with your child at home daily. Ideally, this should be 10-15 minutes a day, which could involve both you reading to them and them to you.

Homework

We will change home reading books on Tuesdays and Fridays, so please bring them back on those days in order to get a different one.

The homework diaries are a space for you and/or your child to record the reading they are doing at home. This can just be a quick note saying what they've read and perhaps something they enjoyed or found interesting in the book.

Writing and maths homework will be sent home on a Friday and needs to be returned on Tuesday.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Spellings

This is a reminder that our spelling tests are every 4 weeks. Children will be given spellings to practise every Friday. It is important that the children practise at home.

These are some our focus sounds: oa (boat), ew (stew), air (hair), tch (catch), ur (turn), are (care).

The common exception words they will be tested on are: are, come, your, were.



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

Dear Year 1 Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to SJSJ!
Thank you for all of our lovely Christmas cards and presents!

We hope you had a fantastic holiday and that your children are all ready to start the spring term!

There will be plenty of opportunities for you to get involved with your child's learning. As always, please come and talk to me or make an appointment if you have any questions or concerns.

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2020!

Adults working in Year 1

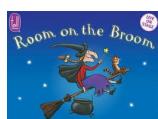
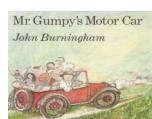
Miss Forster

Ms Hawkins

Ms Stoyanova- Student teacher

English

In writing our focus text will be '**Mr Gumpys Motor Car** by John Burningham and **Room on the Broom** by Julia Donaldson.



We will:

- Read and retell the story using a story map to help us
- Write an advert for Mr Gumpys car
- Write a poem

In this writing cycle, the children will be introduced to imperative verbs and speech.

We will also continue to focus on our year 1 writing targets; making sure we are starting our sentences with capital letters, ending them with full stops and using finger spaces to separate words.

The children will also begin to use exclamation marks and question marks to punctuate their writing.

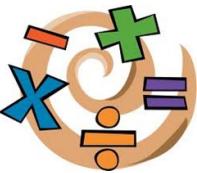
Dates for your Diary

Thursday 30th January 2020 — Trip to the Transport Museum

Friday 31st January 2020—Year 1 Class Assembly

Maths

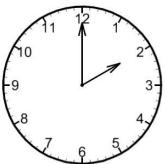
We will begin our maths learning with place value. We will be working with numbers to 40.



We will be learning how to count, read and write numbers from 1-40 in numbers and in words. We will also be representing numbers using objects and representations.

We will then move on to learning about time. We will start by sequencing events in chronological order, learning clocks and the hands on a clock and telling the time to the hour and half past the hour.

Talking to your children about this at home will be of great help, and will set them up on a great start.



R.E

This term we will be learning about Islam. Our key question is:

What does it mean to be a Muslim?

We will be:

- asking questions about Islam
- finding out what the Qur'an is and why is it special to Muslims
- learning about prayer and how Muslims pray
- finding out about where Muslims worship

The children will also be making comparisons to other religions, looking at what things are the same what things are different.

Values

Our values focus this half term is '**celebrating differences**'.

We will be learning about ourselves and understanding that we are all unique in our own special way.

Topic

Our topic this half term is **transport**!



Our Key question is: **How did the industrial revolution change London?**

As this is a history topic, we will look at how transport has developed over time and the impact it has had on the local area and our lives in general.

We will learn about the Victorian times and find out what the Industrial Revolution is. We will learn about why this period was important in the evolution of transport.

In addition, we will be comparing transport in the past to transport now. They will begin to understand why transport was different in the past and learn key dates and events in the timeline of transport.

We will also be learning about **Isambard Kingdom Brunel**, who is our key figure for this term.

PE

Our PE days have changed, and will now be on a **Monday** and a **Thursday**.



This term we will be focusing on tennis and football.

It is essential that your child has the correct school PE uniform for each session.

Spanish

In Spanish we will be learning:

- numbers from 1- 30
- The days of the week
- Fruit



Our focus story will be '**The very hungry Caterpillar**'. We will learn key words and retell the story in Spanish.

As our topic is transport we will also learn Spanish transport vocabulary.