



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

Values

Our values focus this half term is **Dreams and goals**. We will be learning about what success means. We will also be setting ourselves goals.



Reading at Home

Please try to read with your child at home as regularly as possible. 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.

Spellings

Spelling tests are every 4 weeks. Children will be given spellings to practice every Friday. It is important that the children practise.

Times Tables

The school have signed up to a programme called Times Tables Rock Stars, to support the children in learning their times tables and developing their fluency. We will be launching this programme this term and the children will receive their login details. By the end of year 1, the children are expected to know their 2s, 5s and 10 times tables.



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly, via the school office or the home diary.

Dear parents and carers of children in Year 2,
Welcome back to SJSJ! We hope you had a relaxing half term and that your children are ready for the rest of the Autumn term!

Adults working in Year 2
Miss Forman
Miss Lawrence
Miss Kebbay

We also have a student teacher:
Ms Tunc
She began her placement in year 2 this term, and will be with us for most of the year.

English

In writing our focus text will be **Marsha goes to Haiti**



We will be using this book to write in a number of different genres:

- To write postcards
- To write instructions on how best to survive an earthquake
- To write a poem: introducing the use of figurative language.

We will continue to focus on our year 2 writing targets making sure we are starting our sentences with capital letters and ending them with full stops.

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

Dates for your Diary

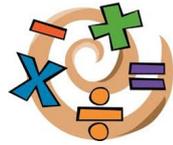
Wednesday 11th December 2019—
Christmas Panto @ Hackney Empire

Wednesday 18th December 2019—
Christmas Performance @ St Luke's

Maths

This term we will focus on:

- Counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s
- Multiplication and division
- Measurement



We will be moving on from addition and subtraction and will begin to look at both multiplication and division and their relationship with one another.

We will then move on to looking at different types of measurement; how to measure length and how to measure temperature.

Science

In science, our topic is **Everyday Materials**.

Our key question is: **Why is plastic useful?**

We will start by exploring different objects and identifying which materials they are made from.

We will then move on to learning about the properties of different everyday materials.

The children will investigate which materials are used for certain reasons and why. We will be carrying out an experiment to help us decide what materials should be used for certain things and what ones should not!

Spanish

In Spanish we will be learning how to have a basic conversation. They will also learn to ask questions such as 'how old are you?' and be taught how to answer.

The children will spend much time learning their body parts in Spanish, they will draw a face listening to a description and learn body parts song in Spanish.

Finally they will learn the Merry Christmas song and have the opportunity to make Spanish Christmas cards.



Topic

Our new topic this half term is **Haiti and Earthquakes**,



Our key question is:

Why do Earthquakes happen?

Our focus is geography and we will be learning about:

- Human and physical geography
- The world map and where the continents and oceans are located
- Life in Haiti - similarities and differences to the UK
- Earthquakes and their human and physical impacts



PE

We will continue to have PE on a **Monday** and **Thursday**.

This term we will be focusing on **gymnastics and dance**.

Please make sure that your child has the correct school PE kit for each session.



R.E

To begin this half term our key question is:

Who are the saints of our school?

We will be thinking about what is a saint, talking about the story of St John the Baptist and why it is important.

We will then move on to our Christmas learning and our key question will be:

Where is the light of Christmas?

Some of our learning will involve us reading and retelling the nativity story through drama and using story maps.