



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

Values

Our values focus this half term is
Celebrating differences



We will be looking at what makes us different from one another and why this is something to be celebrated.

Reading at Home

Please 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. Children have received logins which are in their homework book. By the end of year 2, 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 lovely Christmas break and we are excited to make a start to our new 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 this term.

English

In writing our focus text will be:

Don't say no to Flo!



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

- To write a newspaper report
- To write a biography

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

Friday 17th January—visit to Florence Nightingale Museum

Friday 7th February—Year 2 Class assembly

If you would like to come with us on the trip please come and speak to one of the adults working in year two as soon as possible as numbers are limited. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Maths

Counting (forwards and backwards)

- * Counts in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from zero and count in 10s from any number.
- * Identifies odd and even numbers.

Measurement

- * Uses all measuring apparatus accurately to estimate and measure length, mass, temperature and capacity.

EDP

- * Identifies $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of length, shape or quantity.
- * Recognises the equivalence of $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$.

This term we will focus on:

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

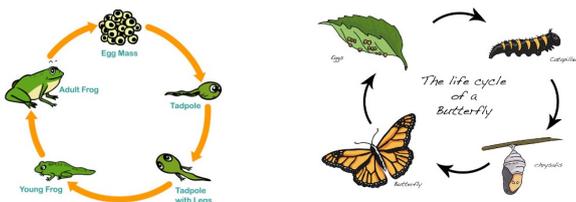
We will be moving on from multiplication and division and applying what we know about these two methods to better our understanding of fractions.

Science

In science, our topic is **Animals including humans.**

Our key question is:
How do animals and humans grow?

We will be looking at the different lifecycles of certain animals such as butterflies and frogs as well as thinking about the stages humans go through to grow into an adult. We will



think about what basic needs all animals have to grow successfully into adults and how some factors, like disease, can stop animals reaching

Spanish

In Spanish this half term year two will be looking at:

- Days of the week
- Months of the year
- Drinks and food.



We will be looking at how to ask for certain items of food in the supermarket and using our knowledge of the days of the week and months of the year to write the date.

Topic

Our new topic this half term is **Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole—The Crimean war.**

Our key question is:

How did Florence Nightingale change healthcare?

Our focus is History and we will be learning about:

- Cause and consequence of the Crimean war
- Comparing an contrasting healthcare from then until now
- How did Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole have an impact on modern healthcare.



PE

There has been a change to year twos PE from last term. PE will now take place for two hours on **Monday afternoon.**

This term we will be focusing on **Football and Tennis.**

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

R.E

This half term the religion we will be looking at is **Islam.**

The key question for this unit is:

What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God (Allah)?



We will be focusing on the five pillars of Islam and how they underpin the Islamic faith. We will be looking at each pillar individually and understanding why each is so important to Muslims. We will also be looking at some of the different festivals that Muslims have throughout the year and the reasons behind this.