

Science

In science, our topic will be:
Living things and habitats.

We will be learning about how living things survive and what they need in order to be able to do so. In particular we will be focusing on MRS NERG, thinking about who she is and what she means for all living things.



PE

PE will take place on
Monday's.



This term we will be focusing on **circle games** and **ball games.**

It is essential that your child has the correct school PE uniform for each session. School kit can be purchased online. The link can be found on our school website

Homework

Homework will be handed out each week on a **Friday** with the expectation that it will be returned to school the following **Tuesday.** **It is the children's responsibility to make sure their homework is handed in.**

There will be a writing task each week as well as some maths work linked to what we have been learning in class. There will also be spellings, which we'll have a quick test for the following Friday.

Please support your child by discussing the homework tasks with them. If you are unsure please do not hesitate to contact me.



St John and St James C of E Primary School Class Newsletter Year 2

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 2,

Welcome back to SJSJ!

We are looking forward to having the children back in school and to do some fantastic learning this half term.

Please have a look through this letter to see what we'll be doing this half term and how you can help at home. All the children should have brought home a timetable this week - please keep it somewhere safe and use it to help the children discuss what they've been doing at school. We'll start using it in full from Week 3 onwards.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to ask in the morning or at home time.

Adults working in Year 2:

Miss Forman
Miss Bah
Miss Rees

Topic

Our new topic this half term is...

The Great Fire of London!

Our key question for this topic will be:

How did the Fire of London change the way London looks today?

As part of this topic we will be looking at how London was different in 1666 to how it is now. We will be focusing on the types of buildings and materials that were used and how living conditions in the capital resulted in the fire causing such devastating destruction! We will discuss what lessons were taken from what happened and how it has shaped the way London is built at present. We will be looking at the timeline of events that resulted in the fire and its spread and also reading extracts from Samuel Pepys—a key eyewitness.



English

For the first part of this half term year 2 will be looking at a traditional fairytale. We will be looking at the story of the Gingerbread man and retelling the events in chronological order. We will be focusing on our sentence structure and punctuating sentences accurately.

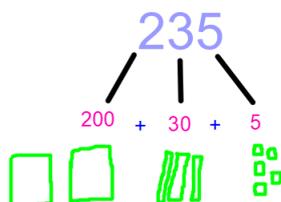


We will then move on to writing a Diary entry from the perspective of an eyewitness during the Great Fire of London. In particular, the children will be focusing on saying sentences aloud before writing them and using adjectives to describe. When writing at home, encouraging children to use a 'pencil microphone' is a great way to help them say their sentence as they write it. This helps ensure they don't miss out words and that they understand when sentences should end.

Maths

This term we will be focusing on:

- Counting forwards and backwards between 0 and 500 in 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s
- Revising number bonds to 10, 20 and 100
- Formal written methods for addition and subtraction
- Place Value - hundreds, tens and ones. This is a really important part of maths - you can help by encouraging children to 'draw the dienes' and/or partition the number.
- We will be focusing on the 2, 5 and 10 timestables. Please use timestables rockstars to support with this at home.



RE

In RE this half term we will be focusing on the question, *Why did Jesus teach the Lord's Prayer as the way to pray?* We will be looking at the importance of prayer for Christians and learning about the meaning on the Lord's prayer as a whole and in individual sections, understanding the term forgiveness and why it is important to forgive in life.



Values

Our Values focus this half term is 'Being me in my world'.



We will begin by identifying our dreams and hopes for the year and then reflect on how we can ensure these are possible to achieve in the classroom. We will also be discussing the way we treat others and how to resolve conflict safely and maturely, reflecting on our school vision.

Reading Diaries

During this half term your child's reading diary will be checked on a **Tuesday**. We'll change reading books on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**.

Please make sure you child is reading for 20 minutes each day. Please also encourage them to read aloud to someone when possible.

After reading the children should use their homework diaries to write a quick comment about the pages they have read.

