



Science

In science we will be learning about **Rocks**.

We will focus on the different types of rock we can find and comparing and contrasting each one to help us identify them. We will then begin to locate the different places on Earth where we can find them and why.

Our key scientist is

Mary Anning,
a palaeontologist
and fossil collector who
was born in 1799!



Times Table Rock Stars

Year 3 will continue to have access to 'Times Table Rock Stars'.

This app is designed to build children's fluency when recalling multiplication and division tables. This is a great way to encourage children to learn and practise their times tables.

The focus this term in Year 3 is on the 3 and 4 times tables.



Reading

Please make sure that an adult reads daily with your child and records it in the yellow home reader book.

This half term the class reading book is **Wolf Brother** by Michelle Paver. The text will improve Year 3's use of language in their writing and help with describing settings using ambitious vocabulary.



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

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 3, welcome back to SJSJ!
We hope you managed to enjoy the summer!

Year 3 have had a brilliant week back at school and showed great maturity in their transition to KS2. We have many interesting units of work to cover and the Year 3 Team are excited to be back at school and ready to learn with the children!

Adults working in Year 3

Mrs Lloyd
Mrs Crowne
Mr Lawrence
Miss Stylianou

Humanities—History



This term we will be basing our learning around the exciting topic of **Scavengers and Settlers!**

We will be delving into history by learning about our earliest ancestors and answering our key question—

How important were animals to the success of scavengers and settlers?

We will be looking at what life was like for a hunter and gatherer community and the different diets and means of eating that hunter gatherers had.

We will also be learning about the first communities who settled into a permanent location and how that has affected mankind ever since.

English

In writing this half term, we will start by focusing on **Fairy tales**.

Using 'The Three Little Pigs' as inspiration, we will be using effective adjectives, conjunctions and sentence starters to retell our own fairy tale.

Following on from that, we will be using the text **Wolf Brother** and the knowledge learned in our History lessons, to write a Stone Age setting description.



Maths

The topics we will be focusing on are place value, addition and subtraction. We will begin to look at 3 digit numbers and understand the value of each column. We will then be applying that knowledge using different methods to solve addition and subtraction calculations.



We will also learn our 3 and 4 times tables.

PE

PE will take place for the whole of **Wednesday afternoons**.

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



This term's focus will be basketball and netball.

RE

In RE we will be focusing on **the origins and purpose of the Bible**.

Our learning this half term will be guided towards answering our key question - **What is the Bible's big story and what does it reveal about God?**

Throughout this topic we will be exploring the different books of the Bible from both the Old and New Testaments and making decisions based on the variety of stories told, what we know about God that we didn't before.



Marvellous Me

We will continue to use **Marvellous Me** this year to allow us to share good news about the children's learning and celebrate it together.

Please remember to download the app if you have not already done so.



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 what we have been doing during the week. Please support your child by discussing the homework tasks with them. If you or your child are unsure about how to tackle the homework, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

