



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

Mathletics and Times tables Rock stars

This year the children will continue to have access to **Mathletics**.



This will be accessible from home and allow the children to extend their learning outside of school. Their logins can be found in the front pages of their homework books.



We will also be using Times tables Rock stars and encourage children to login from home to practise their times tables.

Dear parents and carers of children in Year 6, we hope you had a wonderful, relaxing summer! Welcome back to SJSJ!

The school has not been the same without all of the classes and we are delighted to be welcoming back all of you this September.

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to this term and we are really looking forward to all our new learning this year!



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 our week's learning.

Please support your child by discussing the homework tasks with them. If you or your child is unsure about how to tackle the homework, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Adults working in Year 6:
Miss Bienias
Miss Lawrence
Mr Andrews

Computing



In computing this half-term we will be focusing on social media and the ways in which we can use the internet to communicate with others. We will continue to develop our email and blogging skills and will be discussing the importance of staying safe whilst online.

Marvellous Me

We are going to be continuing our use of Marvellous Me this year so please download the app if you haven't already done so.

Humanities

This half term we will be learning about **World War II** as part of our history lessons.

We will be looking at the main events that occurred during World War II and the impact these had on people in different countries during that time.



We will also be focusing on the different speeches that were made throughout the war and the impact these had on civilians and soldiers.

As well as this, we will explore the idea of rationing, why it happened and what Germany's intentions were by cutting off supplies of food and other goods to those they were fighting against.

We will be using primary and secondary sources of evidence from the time to help us find clues about the past and what life was like during World War Two.

PE

PE will take place on **Friday**.



This half term we will be focusing on our basketball and netball skills. It is essential that your child has the correct school PE uniform for each session.

Maths



We will continue to use the Primary Advantage maths scheme. These are some of the fundamentals that we will be focusing on this half term:

Place Value

- * Rounds any whole number to a required degree of accuracy.
- * Uses negative numbers in context & calculates intervals across 0 (+ and -).

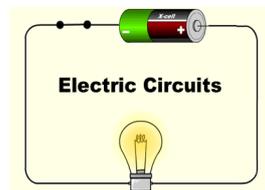
Multiplication and Division

- * Identifies factors & multiples finding all factor pairs & common factors.
- * Solves $x \div$ problems using factors, multiples, scaling, squares & cubes.
- * Knows and uses prime numbers, prime factors and composite numbers.

Science

In science we will focus our learning around **Electricity**.

We will discuss what we already know about electricity and share questions that we hope to answer by the end of the topic. We will especially be looking at conductors, switches and plugs and making our own circuits.



We will also be considering the best ways to stay safe whilst using electricity during our experiments but also in our everyday home life.

RE and Values

In RE lessons, we will be focusing on the beliefs and traditions of **Christians**. We will be thinking carefully about Christian messages and considering how these messages have survived for over 2000 years.



In values we will be thinking about '**Being me and my world**,' as we discuss our own new beginnings and reflect on the ways that we adapt to the changes in our life. We will also incorporate opportunities for mindfulness as we aim to create stress free environments in our lives.

Accelerated Reader

Accelerated reading is timetabled for every **Tuesday**.

Children will have the opportunity to complete an online test and change their reading books. During lunchtimes, children can also complete AR tests and change books daily.

Children are expected to have their reading books with them **every day**.

Writing

In writing we will be looking at creating a letter from the perspective of different characters during the world war and thinking about the stories they would have told their loved ones, who were living separately to them.



These pieces of writing will be linked to our class book *The Silver Sword*, which is a moving story about a family living through World War 2.

Each child will have his or her own writing target to help to focus the learning. We hope that they will meet these targets and move on to new ones regularly!