



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 and thinking about how we can achieve the goals we have set.



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 these at home. It is also really helpful for the children to put their spelling words into sentences of their own, which will in turn help with them learning their new spelling words.

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 Bah
Miss Rees

English

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



We will be using this book to write in a different genre:

- To write instructions on how best to survive and earthquake

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.

Times Tables

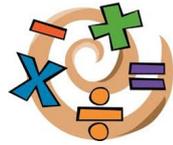
The school have signed up to a programme called Times Tables Rock Stars, to support the children in learning their times tables and developing their fluency. Children should have their login details, if not please do not hesitate to ask. By the end of year 2 the children are expected to know their 2s, 3s, 5s and 10 times tables.



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
Plants

Our key question is: **What goes on a Plants wish list?**

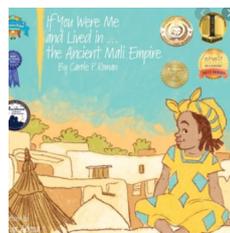
We will start by recapping on MRS NERG and the processes needed for all living things to survive.

We will then move on to learning about how a plant grows, knowing the difference between growing from a seed and a bulb and which different types of plants grow from which.

The children will investigate which plants are edible and which are not and the conditions these plants need to grow successfully.

We will also be planting our own seeds and investigating which grows best in under which conditions. Our Key Scientist we are looking at is George Washington Carver. He was an American Scientist who changed the way crops were grown by farmers.

Black History Month



This year for our Black History Month learning we will be looking at the Mali Empire in both our humanities lessons and our writing lessons. From

everything we learn we will be writing a setting description based on a Mali village, taking inspiration from our book, 'If you Were Me,' by Carole Roman.

In our humanities lesson we will be looking

Humanities

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.**

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.