

Science

In science we will be learning about **Forces and Magnets**.

We will start by looking at how we use the forces push and pull in our every day lives.

We will learn about the magnets' north and south poles. We will also observe magnets and how they attract and repel each other and attract some materials but not others.



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 a relaxing half term.

Year 3 showed great maturity in their return to school last half term and we are looking forward to lots more learning this term. The Year 3 team are excited to start!

Times Table Rockstars

Remember to use our 'Times Table Rockstars' app to practise your times tables. Start with 3s and 4s, then move on to practising 6s and 8s.

This is particularly important this half term as our focus is multiplication and division.



Reading

In Year 3 this half term, children will be able to **change their home reading books every Monday and Thursday**.

Please make sure your child reads at home every day and that it is recorded in their home reading diary.

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



Humanities—Geography



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

We will be expanding our geographical knowledge and skills and answering the question - **'Why do some countries experience hurricanes and others don't?'**

We will begin by researching the state of Louisiana, looking at the culture and population and then comparing and contrasting it with different places in the world we have already studied.

We will then move on by looking at the reason why hurricanes are formed and the wide range of impacts it has on the places it affects, specifically Hurricane Katrina which occurred in 2005.

English

In writing this half term, as a part of our on-going BHM celebrations, we will begin by writing a biography of the African Emperor Sundiata Keita.

Our writing focus continues to be on sentence structure, using interesting language such as adverbs and adjectives to bring our writing alive.



Maths

This half term our focus is on multiplication and division. We will use a range of ways to answer multiplication and division questions, including equal groups through sharing or group and arrays.

Our focus times tables are the 3s and 4s. Please practise these at home. If your child is already proficient at these, then move on to the 6 and 8 times tables which are double the 3s and 4s.



PE

PE will take place on **Wednesday** afternoon.

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



RE

In RE we will be focussing on **Remembrance**.

Our learning this half term will be guided towards answering our key question – '**Why is Remembrance important?**'

Throughout this topic we will be discussing why it is important to remember and how we can help the cause of peace by remembering.

There will also be group discussion around the moral aspects of war and conflict and how this affects the lives of many people internationally.



Values

For the second half of Autumn term, our topic is **Understanding Differences**.

Year 3 are looking at and celebrating similarities and differences in families and with friends.

In this topic, we will be looking at the power of words and finding ways to use our words for the benefit of others.

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.

If you or your child finds the homework too tricky, please leave a note in their book to let us know.

