



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

Reading at Home

Please 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 week. 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.

Book Recommendations

In year two we absolutely love to read! Here are some of Miss Forman and Miss Bah's book recommendations for this half term! If you have any books you would like to recommend please let us know!



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly, via the school office or the home diary.

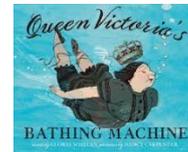
Dear parents and carers of children in Year 2,
Welcome back to SJSJ! We hope you had a relaxing Easter Holiday and your children are ready for the start to our summer term.

Adults working in Year 2

Miss Forman
Miss Bah

English

In writing our focus text will be
Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine



We will be using this book to write in two different genres:

- To write a postcard from the past
- To write a biography

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

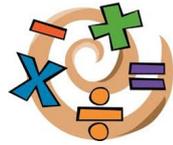
The school have signed up to a programme called Times Tables Rock Stars, to support the children in learning their times tables and developing their fluency. Children should have their login details, if not please do not hesitate to ask. By the end of year 2 the children are expected to know their 2s,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



Maths

This term we will focus on:

- Counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s
- Fractions
- Position and Direction

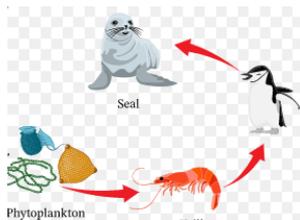


We will start our term by learning all about fractions, starting with fractions of shapes and moving on to finding fractions of amounts. We will be focusing on how to find halves and quarters before moving on to finding thirds. We will also be looking at position and Direction and using these terms to help describe how shapes can move in a given area.

Science

In science, our topic is **Animals Including Humans**

We will start by recapping what makes a living thing, using our knowledge of MRS NERG to help us. We will then move on to thinking about why certain living things live in certain habitats and how they are suited to these environments. We will also be learning all about different food chains that you may find in certain habitats and how these effect species numbers. As well as this we will be learning about the different diets of animals and will be able to define what makes an animal a herbivore, omnivore or carnivore.



Humanities

Our new topic this half term is **Monarchs**

Our key question is:

What is a Monarch?

Our focus is history and we will be learning about:

Similarities between the past and the present.

Differences between the past and the present.

What makes a strong and powerful Monarchy.

Comparing Queen Elizabeth's and Queen Victoria's reigns.



PE

We will continue to have PE on a **Thursday**.

This term we will be focusing on **Athletics**.

Please make sure that your child has the correct school PE kit for each session.



Values

Our values focus this half term is **Relationships**.

We will be learning about what makes a good relationship and what qualities are needed to be a good friend. We will be exploring the different relationships that we have and how these effect our everyday lives.



R.E

For RE this half term we will be focusing on **Judaism**.

Our key question is:

Why are they having a party?



We will be looking at the importance of religious festivals that Jewish people celebrate throughout the year and why they are significant.

We will also consider what religious festivals we celebrate and how they may be similar and how they differ.