

Book Recommendations

We LOVE reading in Year 3, particularly funny books, and so some children have shared their book recommendations. These are all series of books so if you child enjoys them there are lots more to read!

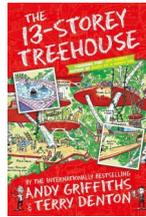
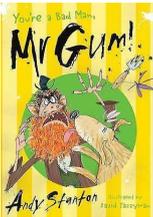
The *Mr Gum* book series
by Andy Stanton: Mrs Lloyd

The *Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid*
by Rowley Jefferson: Rikaylia

The *Tracey Beaker* books by
Jaqueline Wilson: Blessing

The *Storey Treehouse* stories
by Andy Griffiths: Jun Lin

The *Adventures of Ook and Gluk*
by Dav Pilkey: David



Computing

Computing is back for Year 3 this half term and we will spend our time learning coding.

RE

What is Buddhism?

This is the key question that we will be answering this half term.

We will learn about who Buddha is and the four noble truths. We will also think about similarities and differences between Buddhism and other faiths, including Christianity.



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 had a wonderful, relaxing Easter break.**

Year 3 have had a fantastic start to the term and we are really looking forward to all our new learning opportunities in the Spring sunshine!

Adults working in Year 3

**Mrs Lloyd
Mrs Crowne
Mrs Hawkins**

Humanities



This term we will be basing our learning around the exciting topic of **the Amazon rainforest!**

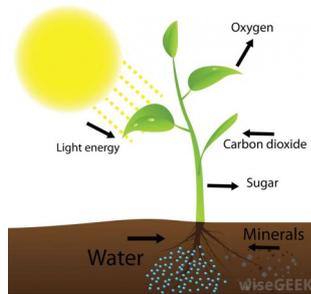
We will be improving our geography skills by answering our key question—
What are the effects of deforestation?

First, we will locate rainforests around the world and the Amazon rainforest using maps. Then we'll focus on the Amazon rainforest and learn about the plants and animals that live in this amazing rainforest.

We will then move on to learning about the effects of deforestation both locally and globally.

Science

In science we will continue to learn about **Plants**.



We will learn how roots absorb water and nutrients from the soil and anchor the plant in place. We will discover that the stem transports water and nutrients/minerals around the plant and holds the leaves and flowers up in the air to enhance photosynthesis, pollination and seed dispersal. We will also find out that leaves use sunlight and water to produce the plant's food.

PE

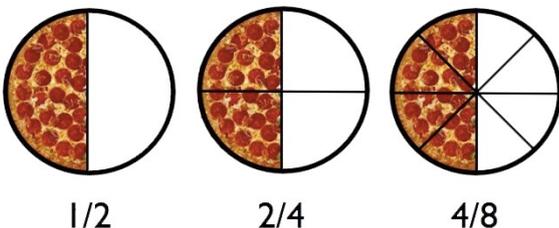
PE will take place each Wednesday afternoon. This term the focus is athletics: running, jumping and throwing.

Please ensure that your child has the correct school PE uniform for each session.



Maths

We will continue to work on fractions at the start of term, beginning with counting and adding fractions to make one whole; then moving on to understand tenths.



Our next topic is time. We will recap telling the time correctly to half an hour and quarter past and to the hour. Then we'll learn to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes.

We will also be continuing our practice of the 4, 8, 3 and 6 times tables as well as the division facts for each. Please practise these at home as much as possible.

Writing



In writing this half term, we are writing an adventure story inspired by life in the Amazon rainforest.

We will make our stories as exciting as possible using a range of techniques such as: showing your feelings through describing body parts; using short, sharp sentences; and starting sentences in dramatic ways.

We will also continue to work on using interesting vocabulary, particularly focusing on our verbs and adverbs.

Our grammar lessons will give us the opportunity to practise techniques that we can then use in our writing. This term we will practise punctuating direct speech using inverted commas and work on using apostrophes correctly.



Reading

Thank you for continuing to read daily with your child as this is really effective in helping them to make progress in their reading.

Our whole class reading lesson will take place each Monday afternoon, so please make sure your child's home reader comes in to school every Monday.

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, a maths exercise and spelling homework. 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.

