

Wellbeing

We are continuing with our focus on the children's wellbeing this half term.

Every morning and afternoon, the children will have the opportunity to write in their mindfulness journals and identify which zone of regulation their in and how they can get to green if necessary.

We will also be beginning every values lesson with a class mindfulness session.

These will be great ways for the children to check in with their feelings and discuss anything that is on their mind.

Science

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

We will be focusing our learning around the question:

Why do different musical instruments make different sounds?

In this unit, we will be making a range of sounds and investigating why these sounds are made. We will then look at how sounds can be made higher and lower before we go on to making our own string telephones!

We will be using a variety of instruments so if anybody plays an instrument and would like to share their talents, please let me know!



A note from Mr Watson

It is really exciting to have all the children in school for this summer term. Unfortunately last year we were unable to be in school for the summer so we are all looking forward to enjoying school in the sunshine!

If anybody has any questions or concerns, please feel free to find me at the end of the day or let the office know and I will get back to you.

Thank you all for your support over the past two years.



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

Welcome back!

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 4, welcome back to SJSJ!
We hope you had a wonderful, relaxing Easter break.

Since returning from remote learning, year 4 have transitioned back into school life brilliantly. They have shown a fantastic attitude in their learning and are showing great maturity both in and out of the classroom.

We are so excited to start!

Adults working in Year 4

Mr Watson
Ms Christian

Humanities

Geography

This half term, we will be learning all about The Americas, focusing the question –

What is the difference between North and South America?

We will begin by identifying the different countries in each continent before focusing on the states of the U.S.A and the time zones that the two continents have.

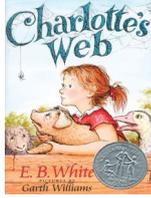
From this, we will look at the different climates within each continent and then compare between the two. We will then use our geographical knowledge to compare these climates between the U.K.



Reading

This half term, we will continue to read the wonderful tale of **Charlotte's Web**.

We have fallen in love with the range of characters featured within the books and the hilarious personalities they all possess. We are looking forward to learning more about how they survive on the farm.



RE and Values

In RE lessons, we will be focusing on **Hinduism**. We will be focusing our learning around the question -

What does it mean to be Hindu?

We will be using our prior knowledge of the Hindu God's and prayer rituals to focus on the daily routines and family values of the Hindu community.

We will then look at the values that the religion upholds and decide what we can learn from them.

Maths

This half term, we will be continuing our work on decimals and fractions, more specifically, the relationship between tenths and hundredths.

Once we have mastered our knowledge of these two place values, we will then begin adding and subtracting decimals.

We will then transfer the skills learnt over to learning about money. We will be calculating change and identifying different denominations.



PE

This half term we will be focusing on athletics. Throughout the sessions the children will be focusing on skills such as throwing, running and jumping.

PE will take place on **Tuesday** afternoons.

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit with them in school on this day.

Writing

The text we will be focusing on this half term is **Other Words for Home** by **Jasmine Warga**.

This is a heart-warming story of a young girl who is forced to flee Syria and start a new life with her family in America.

Using this text, we will be writing our own letters home from the perspective of a child refugee and focusing on the emotions that would surround such a huge change in our lives.

We will then focus on the country of Syria and use a variety of sources to write our own setting descriptions.

Times Tables Rock Stars

This half term, the children will continue to have access to Times Tables Rock stars. This will be accessible from home and allow the children to extend their learning outside school.

It is important that children regularly log in from home to improve their fluency and speed.

We will be holding a **'Rock star of the week'** competition in the class for those who are logging into the app and practising their times tables regularly.

There will be a weekly prize for the winner!



Homework

Homework will be uploaded each week on a Friday to **Google Classroom** and must be returned to school by **Tuesday** in the children's homework books.

They will get their weekly spellings, research homework and maths homework linking to their learning that week.

Alternatively, they are welcome to submit it on **Google Classroom**.