

RE and Values

In RE this half term, we will be focusing on the key question:

'What do Sikhs believe?'

Through this question, we will be developing our understanding of the beliefs and religious practices of Sikhism and comparing it to other religions.



In Values, our unit is **'Relationships'**. We will examine the different relationships we have with others in our community. We will discuss how friendships change as we change as individuals and incorporate how technology can be used safely to maintain relationships.



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

Welcome to back to school!

We hope you had a lovely, relaxing Easter holidays and we are looking forward to continuing some exciting learning in the Summer term!

Accelerated Reader

Accelerated reading is on **Monday**.

You must bring your **AR book** and **yellow reading record** into school **everyday**.

You should be reading at home everyday and record a brief comment or summary of what you have read in your reading record.

Art

When we have Art week this half term, we will be focusing on the key skills of painting and collage. We will be looking on the work of Sonia Boyce and in particular how she uses texture in her portraits. We will be creating portraits in the style of her work this half term.



Homework

Homework will be uploaded to **Google classrooms** every week. Please use the details in the front of your child's homework book to log in. Children should record their homework in their homework books and return this on **Tuesday**.

Every four weeks, children will complete a spelling test of ten words which will be based on the learnt spelling rule.



Spanish

Year 5's will be having a Spanish lesson on Monday afternoons. The Spanish topic is 'The weather in Spain'. They will be learning how to say all the different types of weather in Spanish, describing the weather in the past and future tense and describing their favourite weather. This unit also links with some geography knowledge, as they will be learning how to say compass points in Spanish and describe the climate in different regions of Spain.



PE

PE is on **Friday**.

Please remember to bring in full PE kits on this days.



The focus this term will be football.

Science

Our science unit this half term is:

'Animals including humans'

Through our enquiry-based science curriculum, we will be asking and answering questions about the following areas:

- The human life cycle
- Reproductive systems in humans
- Gestation periods in humans
- Old age and life expectancy

Key vocabulary we will be using is: life cycle, baby, child, adult, development, puberty, reproduce, gestation,

Our key scientists are **Watson and Crick**

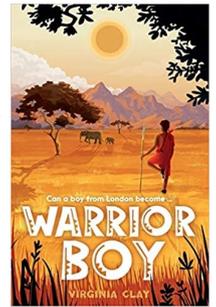
James Watson and Francis Crick were two molecular biologists who were important in discovering the structure of DNA. They won the Noble Peace prize for medicine in 1962.



English

Our class reader this half term is:

'Warrior Boy' by Virginia Clay



This half term, Year 5 will be completing pieces of writing which will reinforce the learning taking place in humanities lessons.

The genre's of writing we will be covering are:

- Newspaper articles
- Setting descriptions

Our **SPAG** focuses will be:

- Using semi-colons
- Figurative language
- Using embedded -ing and -ed clauses

In spellings, we will be focussing on silent letters and -tion, -sion and -ssion suffixes. Silvers stickers are given to all children who get full marks in their mini spelling tests each week. Lots of silvers were given out last half term so keep up the spelling practice. Gold awards will be given for children who get full marks in their end of unit tests!

Humanities

This half term, our geography topic is:

'Let's go on Safari!'

This topic is all about the continent of Africa, with a specific focus on Kenya. We will be learning about the 'Big Five' animals, poaching and extinction of African animals and the Maasai Mara tribe in detail.

Throughout this topic, we will be answering the key question:

'How has tourism affected Africa's wildlife?'

To directly answer this key question, we will be having a class debate and designing an eco-hotel. We will be making lots of curriculum links to sustainability throughout and understanding how we can become global citizens of the world.

Key vocabulary we will be using is: continent, country, tourism, tribes, animals, plants, wildlife, extinction, poaching, mammals, sustainable, longitude, latitude.

Maths

The fundamentals that we will be focusing on this half term are:

Fractions, Decimals & Percentages -

- *Read, write & compare decimal numbers, fractions & percentages
- *Know the percentage & decimal equivalent of: $1/2$, $1/4$, $1/5$, $2/5$, $4/5$
 - +, - proper fractions with denominators that are multiples and X mixed numbers by whole numbers.

There is a times tables test every week in our Maths lessons. Do extra practice at home by using Times Tables Rockstars! Your child's log in details are at the front of your homework book. I will be setting some competitions on it this half term.

