

Reading diaries

Please read with your child for at least 10 minutes every day.

After reading, either you or your child should make a **brief comment** about the book/pages that they have read in their yellow reading diary.

We will change reading books on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**.



St John and St James C of E Primary School Year 1 Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 1,

Welcome back to our final half term of the year.

We hope you all had a lovely break and you are looking forward to the last term in year 1!

This newsletter will give you some information about what we will be learning over this half term.

Adults in Year 1
Adults working in Year 1
Miss Forster
Mrs Eames
Miss Kebbay
Miss Law – Student teacher

Homework

For homework a **writing task** and **maths** will be posted on Google Classrooms each week on a **Friday**.

Please bring the homework back on a **Tuesday** completed in your child's homework book **or** submit the work on Google Classrooms.

Spellings will also be handed out on a **Friday**. Children should learn these spellings ahead of their spelling test the following Friday.

Humanities

This term we have a geography focus and our key question is: **What is it like at the British seaside?**



In this unit we will be:

- learning about beaches and locating popular UK beaches
- discussing what happens at the seaside and what you might find there
- identifying human and physical features of the seaside
- comparing London to Brighton
- Creating a map of Margate

We will end this unit by learning about plastic pollution detrimental effects and ways to keep the beach clean.

Dates for the Diary

Year 1 end of year picnic in the park
– Date to be confirmed.

Wednesday 21st July – Sports day

Friday 23rd July - Leaver's Service and last day of term.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to come and talk to me or make an appointment via the school office.

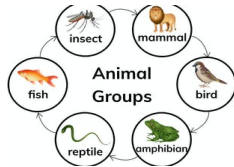
Science

Our key question in science this term is 'How are animals different?'

We will be learning about:

- animals and their names
- animal habitats
- animal diets

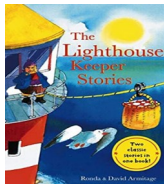
We will be grouping and classifying animals into the 5 animal groups. After that we will introduce the children to the terms 'carnivore', 'herbivore' and 'omnivore'.



Our key scientist this half term is Jane Goodall and she is an English scientist who is famous for her studies of chimpanzees. She discovered that chimpanzees can use tools and are omnivores like humans.

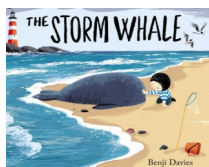
English

In writing we will be using the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' to inspire our writing.



We will begin by writing a retell with a different ending. We will be using a range of punctuation and begin to use relative pronouns and speech in our writing.

We will then move on to reading the 'storm whale' We will use the storm whale to help us to write an information text about whales.



We will learn about the features and structure of information text such as headings and sub-headings.

As always we will continue to focus on our year 1 writing targets making sure we are checking our writing makes sense, using capital letters correctly and embellishing our sentences with adjectives.



PE



PE will continue to take place on a **Monday**.

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

Please ensure your child has the correct kit ready for their PE lesson.

RE and Values

This half term in RE our topic is

Jesus' parables

In RE our key questions is:

Why is it good to listen to and remember the stories Jesus told?

We will be learning about the meaning behind the parables and Jesus's teachings. We will read famous bible stories and also be discussing the reasons why Jesus told stories.

We will have the opportunity to use role play to help us to understand the stories better.



Maths

This term we will start the term by consolidating our learning on place value. We will be ordering and comparing numbers using inequality symbols.

We will then move on to learning about money. We will be:

- identifying coins and notes and their value
- counting money
- exchanging money

Our last maths topic will be on time. We will be:

- Sequencing our day in chronological order
- Using an analogue clock to tell the time for o'clock and half past times.

