



# 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.

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

Adults working in Year 2

Miss Forman  
Miss Bah

## English

In writing our focus text will be  
**The adventures of a plastic bottle**



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

- To write a poem about sustainability
- To write a persuasive speech about being sustainable

We will be focusing on making our writing even more exciting by using figurative language devices (similes and alliteration). We will continue to focus on making sure we still using capital letters and full stops correctly.

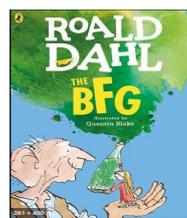
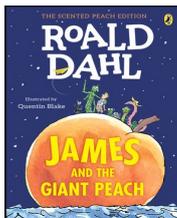
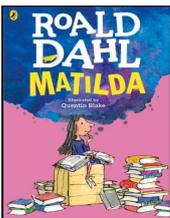
Each child has their individual targets they are working towards within our writing lessons.

## 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.

## Times Tables

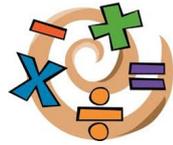
The school have signed up to a programme called Times Tables Rock Stars, to support the children in learning their times tables and developing their fluency. Children should have their login details, if not please do not hesitate to ask. By the end of year 2 the children are expected to know their 2s,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



## Maths

This term we will focus on:

- Counting in 2s, 3s, 4s and 5s.
- Position and Direction (Geometry)
- Mass, capacity and temperature



We will start our term by learning all about position and direction, using these terms to help describe how shapes can move in a given area.

We will also be looking at mass, capacity and temperature. We will start with measuring the weight of objects (grams and kilograms), then moving onto reading temperature and finally end with measuring volume.

## Science

In science, our topic is  
**Use of everyday materials**

We will be looking at different materials that we use everyday. We will be looking at the durability, elasticity and texture of materials that we use for clothes and other important objects. We will also focus on the production of plastic, different types of plastic and what they are used for. This will be linked to our humanities topic Sustainability, as we will look further into how plastics are grouped for recycling.

We will also be conducting an enquiry on what materials would you build a tent out of.

Our key scientist for this topic is Leo Hendrik Baekeland.



## Values

Our values focus this half term is  
**Changing me.**

We will be learning about the different stages in life. We will be looking at the milestones we experience through our life cycle and how the body and mind develops.



## Humanities

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

Our key question is:

**What can we do to help the future of our planet?**

Our focus is geography and we will be learning about:

What is a carbon footprint and how it contributes to global warming?

What are the effects of plastic pollution around the world?

How we can live sustainably?



## PE

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

This term we will be focusing on  
**Team games**

**Our schools sports day event will be held on Wednesday 21st July 2021.**

Please make sure that your child has the correct school PE kit and healthy snack.



## R.E

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

Our key question is:

**Why do Christians make and keep promises before God?**

We will be looking at the importance of being a part of the church community as a Christian and how they extend this commitment in the extended non-Christian community.

We will also consider Christian ceremonial practices such as baptism and marriage. We will look at how these ceremonial practices allow Christians to make and keep promises before God.

