

## 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.

The children also have two areas where they can calm down, focus on their breathing and read some positive affirmations to assist them getting back to green.

These have been really useful in our transition back to the classroom from remote learning.

## Science

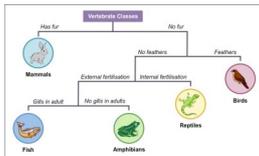
In science we will focus our learning around **Living Things and their habitats.**

We will be focusing our learning around the question -

**How can we tell the difference between living things?**

In this unit, we will be grouping living things, both animals and plants, based on their differences and similarities. We will use the seven life processes and how different living things achieve each one.

We will then compare vertebrates and invertebrates before learning how to use keys to classify different living things.



## A note from Mr Watson

As we begin our last half term in year 4, I would like to thank all the children and parents for their hard work over this strange year.

It was a pleasure to see everyone at parents evening and to show them all the brilliant work year 4 have got up to and to hear how amazing they are at home.

We can not wait to enjoy the last half term of the year in the sunshine!



## 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 half term.

We produced some amazing work last half term and we have got some amazing topics to learn about before the summer.

Apollo Music will be returning every fortnight with a variety of musicians before a final concert!

We are so excited to start!

### Adults working in Year 4

Mr Watson  
Ms Christian

## Humanities

### Geography

This half term, we will continue to learn about The Americas, focusing on the question -

**What is the difference between North and South America?**

Following on from locating key cities, states and landmarks of the Americas on a map, we will begin to look at some key landmarks closer.

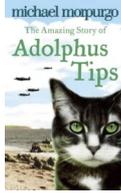
We will then begin to compare these places to specific places in the U.K. We will also use our knowledge to compare climates, influences and also the people that inhabit the U.K and the Americas.



## Reading

This half term, we will be reading the Michael Morpurgo text 'The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips.'

This adventure story is set during World War One and follows a young girl and her cat on an adventure through a danger zone in a evacuated town! We can't wait to find out what happens!



## RE and Values

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

**Why is liturgy important to many Christians?**

We will be looking at the different elements of liturgy and why there is a range of responses from Christians to liturgy.

We will then focus on how participation in liturgy can be a positive thing before creating our own liturgy to be used in school.

## Maths

This half term, we will be continuing our work on time, specifically looking at a 24 hour clock and comparing hours, minutes and days. Once we have that knowledge, we will move on to comparing weeks, months and years.

Following that, we will be looking at the different angles you can find in 2D shapes and how we can measure them. We will then use our shape knowledge and apply that to plotting coordinates on a grid.



## PE

This half term we will be focusing on rounders. Throughout the sessions the children will be applying their catching and throwing skills into a team sport.

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

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

## Writing

This half term we will continue to focus on the text - **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 the setting descriptions we wrote last half term, and the vocabulary found within the text, we will be creating our own mystery stories which we will then allow our partners to write the ending of to solve.

We will then use our knowledge of key cities in the U.S.A and write fact-file about that city for tourists to use when they can travel again!

## 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**.