

Science

In science we will be learning about **Rocks**.

We will focus on the different types of rock we can find and compare and contrast rocks using their properties to help us identify them.

Our key scientist is **Mary Anning**, a palaeontologist and fossil collector who was born in 1799!

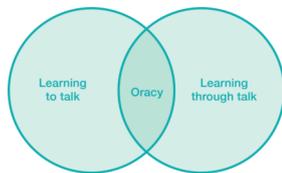


St John and St James C of E Primary School Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 3, welcome back to SJSJ and we hope you've had a fabulous summer!

Year 3 has had a brilliant first two days back at school and has shown great maturity in the transition to KS2.

We're looking forward to the term ahead and ready to work and learn alongside the children!



Oracy

This is a new subject that we'll be teaching at SJSJ across every year group.

Our aim is to support the development of each child's capacity to use speech to express their thoughts and communicate with others, in education and in life.

It represents the set of talk skills that children should develop, in the same way that we would expect them to develop reading and writing skills.

Children will have the opportunity to take part in debates on interesting topics to help hone their oracy skills.

Adults working in Year 3

**Mrs Lloyd
Mrs Crowne**

Humanities—History



This term we will be basing our learning around the exciting topic of **Scavengers and Settlers!**

We will delve into history by learning about our earliest ancestors and answering our key question—

How important were animals to the success of scavengers and settlers?

We will be looking at what life was like for a hunter and gatherer community and their different diets and means of eating.

We will also be learning about the first communities who settled into a permanent location and how that has affected how we live now.

Reading



Please make sure that an adult reads daily with your child and records it in the yellow home reader book.

This half term the class reading book is **Stone Age Boy** by Satoshi Kitomara.

The text will help to improve Year 3's use of language in their writing and help with describing settings using ambitious vocabulary.

English

In writing this half term, we will start by focusing on **Fairy tales**.

Using 'The Three Little Pigs' as inspiration, we will be using effective adjectives, conjunctions and sentence starters to retell our own fairy tale.

Following on from that, we will be using the text **Wolf Brother** and the knowledge learned in our History lessons, to write a Stone Age setting description.



Maths

The topics we will be focusing on are place value, addition and subtraction. We will begin to look at 3 digit numbers and understand the value of each column. We will then be applying that knowledge using different methods to solve addition and subtraction calculations.



We will also learn our 3 and 4 times tables.

PE

PE will take place on **Friday mornings**.

Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit each week.



This term's focus is **fundamental movement**.

RE

This half term our learning will aim to answer this **BIG** question - **What is The Bible's big story?**

Once we have learned what The Bible is we will learn about a different core concept of Christianity each week.

Topics we will cover include the meaning of incarnation, the kingdom of God and how The Bible affects the lives of Christians today.



Marvellous Me

We will continue to use **Marvellous Me** this year to allow us to share good news about the children's learning and celebrate it together.

Please remember to download the app if you have not already done so.



Homework

As usual, homework is handed out each week on a Friday and must be returned to school by **Tuesday**. Please support your child by discussing the homework tasks with them. If you or your child are unsure about how to tackle the homework, please do let us know. You can pop a note in the homework book or come and have a chat with Mrs Lloyd about it at school.

