



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

## Times Tables Rockstars

This year the children will continue to have access to **Times Tables Rockstars**.

This will be accessible from home and allow children to work on their speed and fluency with their times tables and division facts.

In Year 6, children are expected to be very fluent with their times tables and division facts, so please encourage your child to make regular use of Times Tables Rockstars, as it is a brilliant resource to support the children's learning.



Dear parents and carers of children in Year 6, we hope you had a wonderfully relaxing summer! Welcome back to SJSJ!

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to this term and we are really looking forward to all our new learning this year!



## Homework

As usual, homework is uploaded to Google Classroom on a Friday and must be returned to school by **Tuesday**. There is a writing activity, spelling activity and a maths exercise linked to our week's learning. These tasks will be uploaded to Google Classroom but children should complete their homework in their homework books and bring them into school on Tuesday to be marked.

Please support your child by discussing the homework tasks with them and ensure they are doing the relevant maths task for their maths group. If you or your child is unsure about how to tackle the homework, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## Adults working in Year 6:

Miss Bienias  
Miss Gladstone  
Mr Lawrence  
Mr Lefebre  
Mrs Man

## Computing

In computing this half-term, the class will be developing their programming skills using the computing resource, Scratch. They will create a gaming environment, learn how to broadcast messages during the game and evaluate the effectiveness of their own and others' work.



## Humanities

This half term we will be learning about **World War II** as part of our history lessons.

We will be looking at the main events that occurred during World War II and the impact these had on people in different countries during that time.



We will also be focusing on the different speeches that were made throughout the war and the impact these had on civilians and soldiers.

As well as this, we will explore the idea of rationing, why it happened and what Germany's intentions were by cutting off supplies of food and other goods to those they were fighting against.

We will be using primary and secondary sources of evidence from the time to help us find clues about the past and what life was like during World War Two.

## Oracy

The class have an Oracy lesson each week which aims to support the children's enquiry, critical thinking and communication skills. The children will be preparing for talking opportunities such as presentations and debates in these sessions. We will be recording their speaking and listening activities on Seesaw app, which you will be able to view from home. Look out for more information about the Seesaw app this half term as it will be an exciting new way that you can see your children's work, remotely.

## PE

PE will take place on **Friday**.



This half term we will be focusing on our basketball and netball skills. It is essential that your child has the correct school PE uniform for each session.

## RE and Values



In RE lessons, we will be focusing on the beliefs and traditions of **Christians**. We will be thinking carefully about Christian messages and considering how these messages have survived for over 2000 years.

In Values, we will be thinking about '**Being me and my world**,' as we discuss our own new beginnings and reflect on the ways that we adapt to the changes in our life. We will also incorporate opportunities for mindfulness as we aim to create stress free environments in our lives.

## Maths



This half term in maths, we will be focusing on the following fundamentals:

### Place Value

- \* Rounds any whole number to a required degree of accuracy.
- \* Uses negative numbers in context & calculates intervals across 0 (+ and -).

### Multiplication and Division

- \* Identifies factors & multiples finding all factor pairs & common factors.
- \* Solves  $x \div$  problems using factors, multiples, scaling, squares & cubes.
- \* Knows and uses prime numbers, prime factors and composite numbers.

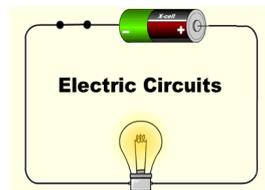
## Home Reading

Your child will choose an age-appropriate reading book at school and will take it home with them each night. They are expected to read for a minimum of 15 minutes per evening and fill in their yellow Reading Record book with a record of the title of the book, how many pages they read and a short comment on what they read. These will be checked daily to ensure children are reading each evening either independently or with an adult. Please ensure you have signed your child's reading record book each evening and that your child has their reading book in school with them each day.

## Science

In science we will focus our learning around **Electricity**.

We will discuss what we already know about electricity and share questions that we hope to answer by the end of the topic. We will especially be looking at conductors, switches and plugs, as well as making our own circuits.



We will also be considering the best ways to stay safe whilst using electricity during our experiments but also in our everyday home life.

## Writing



In writing this half term, we will be looking at creating a letter from the perspective of different characters during World War Two and thinking about the stories they would have told their loved ones, who were living separately to them.

These pieces of writing will be linked to our class text, *The Silver Sword*, by Ian Serraillier which is a moving story about a family living through World War 2.

Each child will have his or her own writing Target to help to focus the learning. We hope that they will meet these targets and move on to new ones regularly!