



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

PE

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

This term we will be focusing on **tagging games**. The children will develop their understanding of attacking and defending principles. They will be also working on ball handling and teamwork skills.

Please make sure that your child has the correct school PE kit for each session.

Reading at Home

Every child will be given a new reading diary, which will be checked **every Tuesday**.

We will change home reading books on **Tuesdays and Fridays**, so please bring them back in order to get a different one.

Please make sure your child is reading for 20 minutes each day. Please also encourage them to read aloud to someone when possible.

Homework

Homework will continue to be handed out each week via **google classrooms** on a Friday and must be returned to school by **Tuesday**. **It is the children's responsibility to make sure their homework is handed in.**

There will be a writing task, maths activity and spellings handed out each week. Please support your child by discussing the homework tasks with them.



Spellings

Spelling tests are every **Thursday**. 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.



Times Tables

As a school, we will continue to use 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.



Dear Parents & Carers in Year 2,
Welcome back to SJSJ! We hope you had a relaxing half term and that your children are ready for the rest of an exciting Autumn term!

Adults working in Year 2

Miss Bah
Miss Kebbay
Mrs Crowne

Key dates

Parent's evening - 17.11.21

Please sign up for a time slot at the office to discuss your child's academic progress and wellbeing at school. Booking systems will be nearer to the time.

Class assembly - 03.12.21
Christmas performance - 15.12.21

English

In writing our focus texts will be **Janjak & Freda go to the iron market and Marsha goes to Haiti.**



We will be using these books to write in two different genres:

- **A setting description**
- **An set of instructions on how best to survive and earthquake**

We will continue to focus on our year 2 writing targets making sure we are Using accurate punctuation and joining our sentences with a range of conjunctions.

Each child has their own individual targets that they are working towards and focusing on within our writing lessons.

Maths

This term we will focus on:

- Counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s
- Multiplication and division
- Money



We will be moving on from addition and subtraction and will begin to look at both multiplication and division and their relationship with one another.

We will then move on to looking at money and using our multiplication knowledge to calculate amounts. We also focus on comparing amounts, finding the difference between amounts and calculating change.

Science

In science, our topic is **Plants**

Our key question is: **What goes on a Plants wish list?**



We will start by recapping on MRS NERG and the processes needed for all living things to survive.

We will then move on to learning about how a plant grows, knowing the difference between growing from a seed and a bulb and which different types of plants grow from which. The children will investigate which plants are edible and which are not and the conditions these plants need to grow successfully. We will also be planting our own seeds and investigating which grows best in under which conditions. Our Key Scientist we are looking at is George Washington Carver. He was an American Scientist who changed the way crops were grown by farmers.

Humanities—Geography

Our new topic this half term is **Haiti and Earthquakes**,



Our key question is:

Why do Earthquakes happen?

Our focus is geography and we will be learning about:

- Human and physical geography
- The world map and where the continents and oceans are located
- Life in Haiti - similarities and differences to the UK
- Earthquakes and their human and physical impacts



Oracy

This term we will be continuing to develop each child capacity to use speech to express their thoughts and communicate with others, in education and in life.

Children will have the opportunity to take part in a big presentation based on our Geography topic to help hone their oracy skills.



R.E & Values

To begin this half term our key question is:

Where is the light of Christmas?

Some of our learning will involve us reading and retelling the nativity story through drama and using story maps.

Our values focus this half term is **Dreams and goals**.

We will be learning about what success means. We will also be setting ourselves goals and thinking about how we can achieve the goals we have set.



Art

Our art topic this term was **textiles**. To link in with Black History Month we created pieces of art inspired by the Ghanaian **Kente** cloth.



To create our pieces we wove coloured card, alternating colours to make a repeating pattern. We used the colours: red, blue, black, gold and green to represent the African tradition.

To complete our cloths we drew similar designs to those used on the Kente cloth.

