



Science

In science we will be learning about
Forces and Magnets.

We will start by looking at how we use the forces *push* and *pull* and how we use them in our every day lives.

We will learn about the magnets' north and south poles. We will also observe magnets and how they attract and repel each other and attract some materials but not others.

Times Table Rockstars

Remember to use our 'Times Table Rockstars' app to practise your times tables.

I will be setting times table challenges each week as part of the homework and there will be a weekly times table test. Prizes will be given for the best performers and most improved!



Reading

Year 3 has really embraced our AR reading system and it has been great seeing their enthusiasm for reading.



Please make sure your child reads at home every day and that it is recorded in their home reading diary. The home reading diaries and your child's AR book should come in to school every day.

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

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. We hope you had a great half term.

We're excited to welcome Ms Paul as the new Teaching Assistant in Year 3, as Mrs Crowne is moving to support in Year 2. The children have already met and worked with Ms Paul and she will be an invaluable member of the Year 3 team!

Adults working in Year 3

Mrs Lloyd
Ms Paul

Ms Gedney - student teacher

Humanities—Geography



This term we will be basing our learning around the exciting geography topic of **Louisiana and Hurricanes!**

We will be expanding our geographical knowledge and skills and answering the question - **Why do some countries experience hurricanes and others don't?**

We will begin by researching the state of Louisiana, looking at the culture and population and then comparing and contrasting it with the UK.

We will then move on by looking at the reason why hurricanes are formed and the wide range of impacts it has on the places it affects, specifically Hurricane Katrina which occurred in 2005.

English

In writing this half term, Year 3 will start by writing a setting description of a Stone Age settlement, based on their expertise in that historical topic.

Our writing focus continues to be on using sentence structure and interesting vocabulary such as adverbs and adjectives to bring our writing alive.



Maths

This half term our focus in maths lessons is on multiplication and division.

We will use a range of ways to answer multiplication and division questions, including grouping, sharing and arrays.

We will also learn more formal methods for both multiplication and division.



PE

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

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



RE

In our RE lessons we will answer the BIG question: *How does the season of advent and the feast of epiphany point towards the true meaning of Christmas?*

Year 3 will build on their learning from Year 2 and find out how the Prophets, including John the Baptist, foretold the birth of Jesus Christ and prepared the way.

They will also learning about what Advent means and the Christian Feast of Epiphany.



Values

For the second half of Autumn term, our topic is **Dreams and Goals**.

Year 3 will be identifying a personal ambition; breaking it down into steps; considering potential obstacles to that goal; working to meet the goal and then celebrating our success in achieving the ambition.

Homework

Homework will be set each week on Google Classroom on Friday and should be returned to school by Tuesday in the homework books. Each week there is topic, spelling and maths homework, including times tables.

If you or your child finds the homework tricky, please leave a note in their book to let us know.

