

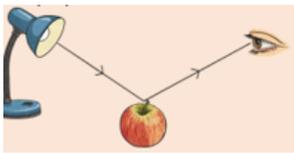


St John and St James C of E Primary School Class Newsletter

Science

In science, our learning will be focused around Light and we be thinking about how light travels and how shadows form. Building on our light topic from year 3, we will be learning about how we see things, why reflections occur, what refraction is and the colours that light is made up of.

Our key scientist this half term is Isaac Newton who investigated light as part of his key scientific achievements. He found that although light appears white to the human eye, it is actually made up of all the colours of the rainbow!



Dear parents and carers of children in Year 6, we hope you had a wonderful, relaxing break and welcome back!



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

Adults working in Year 6

Miss. Bienias
Mr. Lawrence
Mrs. Man
Mr. Le Febre

Spanish

In Spanish this half term, the children will be learning how to describe people. They will learn the vocabulary needed to describe body parts, facial features and key colours. They will add to their descriptions using adjectives which will support them in describing themselves and others. They will finish the half term by learning about Christmas in Spain and making comparisons with Christmas we have here in the UK.

Mindfulness

Being mindful of our own feelings and those of others in our class continues to be a priority. We will be continuing our daily mindful reflections using the zones of regulation and meditation activities throughout the half term.

Humanities

This half term we will be learning all about **Indonesia and Tsunamis** as part of our new geography topic. We will be focusing on geographical skills, as we begin to understand how Tsunamis are formed. We will then build upon our previous learning, as we learn how volcanic eruptions and earthquakes can have the potential to generate tsunamis. We will also be looking at the geographical location of Indonesia as well as its human and physical features, which will lead into us thinking about why tsunamis take place more frequently in the zones of the Pacific Ocean.



Marvellous Me and Seessaw

We are going to be continuing our use of Marvellous Me and Seesaw this half term, so please download the apps if you haven't already done so. We love using these apps to celebrate the successes of the class with you, so do let us know if you need any support logging in.

Homework

As usual, homework is set on Google Classroom on a Friday and must be returned to school by **Tuesday**.

On Mondays to Thursdays, children will also receive a short arithmetic homework activity to be completed for the next day. Please ensure they have it completed in their arithmetic books, ready for their maths session the following day.

PE

PE will take place on **Friday**.

This half term we will be focusing on our tag rugby skills. It is essential that your child has the correct school PE uniform for each session. This includes the correct trainers, jogging bottoms, t-shirt and jumper.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be focusing our learning on **Fractions**.

We will focus on the following topics:

- Equivalent fractions
- Simplifying fractions
- Improper and mixed fractions
- Comparing and ordering fractions
- Adding and subtracting fractions
- Multiplying fractions by whole numbers
- Multiplying fractions by fractions
- Dividing fractions by whole numbers
- Finding fractions of amounts

We will also look at the **Position and Direction**, where the children will be learning about translations and reflections.



Times tables Rock stars

The children should be using their Times Tables Rock Stars accounts from home, as we know this is a proven technique to increase confidence, fluency and accuracy with times tables. Please encourage your child to practise using the app and ask any member of the Year 6 team if you need support logging in.

Our Class Assembly

We are delighted to invite parents and carers to come and watch our class assembly on Friday 19th November at 9.00am in the school hall. We can't wait to share our learning with you!

RE and Values

In RE lessons, we will be learning about the meaning of Christmas and how that message is advertised today. We will think about the meaning adverts give to Christmas and compare these with the gospel narratives. We will then extend our thinking with how the church advertises Christmas and finish the topic with thinking about the components an advert should include to show the meaning and Christian belief of Christmas.



Home Reading

The school's expectation is that children are reading for at least **15 minutes a day at home**.

When they have read, they need to fill in their reading record with the following details:

- Title of the book
- Pages they have read
- A short summary of what they read
- An adult's signature

The children's reading records are checked each day. Please support your child in ensuring it is completed each night. The reading book and reading record should be in school each day.

Writing

In writing, we will be focusing on Anne Frank's diary. We will be using this text to write biographies of Anne Frank, outlining the extraordinary events which took place as part of her family's hiding from The Nazis.

We will begin by comparing and contrasting the features of autobiographical and biographical texts as well as describing and discussing the events that took place. We will then recount what happened, practising our use of formal language, the past tense, third person and a range of clauses. These will include relative and subordinate clauses.

