



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

Values

Our values focus this half term is
Celebrating Differences



We will be learning about why being different is important. We will also be focusing on anti-bullying.

Reading at Home

Please read with your child at home for 10-15 minutes a day, which could involve both you reading to them and them to you. We will change home reading books on Tuesdays and Fridays, so please bring them back on those days in order to get a different one.

The reading diaries are a space for you and/or your child to record the reading they are doing at home. This can just be a quick note saying what they've read and perhaps something they enjoyed or found interesting in the book.

Homework

Writing and maths homework will be sent home on a Friday and needs to be returned on Tuesday. This will be sent via google classrooms.

Spellings

Spelling tests are every 4 weeks. Children will be given spellings to practice every Friday. It is important that the children practise.

These are some of our focus sounds this term: **ie (tie), ir (girl), ai (rain), igh (light), oy (boy).**

The common exception words they will be tested on are: **was, said, your, where, there.**

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly, via the school office or the homework diary.

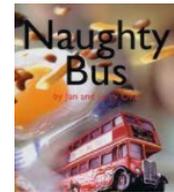
Dear parents and carers of children in Year 1,
Welcome back to SJSJ! We hope you had a relaxing Christmas and that your children are ready for Spring term!

Adults working in Year 1
Miss Forman
Mrs Eames

We also have a student teacher:
Miss Rogers
She continues her placement in year 1 this half term.

English

In writing our focus text will be
The Naughty Bus



We will:

- Read and retell the story with actions and a story map
- Write a character description

We will continue to focus on our year 1 writing targets making sure we are starting our sentences with capital letters and ending them with full stops.

The children will begin to use time conjunctions to order the events in their stories and writing. As well as this we will focus on how to structure a simple sentence and the components needed to create a simple sentence.

PE

Our PE day has changed. PE will now be on a **Tuesday**.

This term we will be focusing on **Gymnastics**.

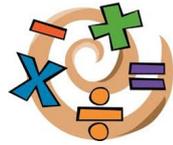


Please make sure that your child has the correct school PE kit for the session.

Maths

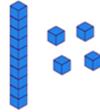
This term we will focus on:

- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Number families up to 20
- Breaking numbers into 10s and 1s



Breaking numbers into 10s and 1s is one of the most important things we will learn this year.

You can support by discussing what each digit 'really means', e.g. "does the '1' in 14 really mean just 1?" Explain that the 1 represents 1 ten. You can also use drawings of the dienes blocks that we use in school to represent numbers or support calculations.



Science

In science, our topic is **Animals including Humans.**

Our key question is:
How are animals different?

We will be focusing on classification of animals. We will:

Identify and name a variety of common animals.

Describe and compare a variety of common animals.

Our Key Scientist is:

Jane Goodhall

She is famous for her studies of chimpanzees and how they are closely related to humans. She also discovered that chimpanzees are omnivores.



Computing

We will be focusing on our Multimedia unit this half term. Using the E- book app to learn how to:

- Select backgrounds
- Add text
- Add photos
- Share and edit our work

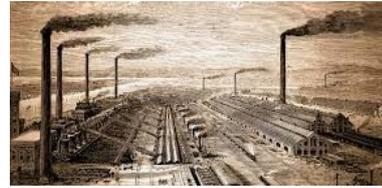


Online Safety

The SMART rule we are focusing on is A which stands for Accepting. We will be thinking carefully about what you click on or open online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) and when not to accept certain things you may come across.

Topic

Our new topic this half term is 'Transport and The Industrial Revolution'



Our key question is:
How did the Industrial Revolution change London?

Our focus is History and we will be:

Finding out what The Industrial Revolution was.

Describing how Britain changed from a rural to industrial country.

Understanding what life was like for a child in Victorian Britain.

R.E

This half term we will be focusing on the religion of **Islam.**



Our Key question is:
What does it mean to be Muslim?

We will learn about:

Muslims believe that there is One God and that the prophet Muhammed (pbuh) is his messenger.

The Qur'an is the holy book for Muslims revealed to the prophet Muhammad (pbuh). Muslims believe it to be the word of God.

Prayer is very important to a Muslim's daily life and for many Muslims takes place five times a day.

Muslims often use a prayer mat to pray because the prayer space needs to be clean.