



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

PE

This term we will have PE on a **Monday**.

This term we will be focusing on **Gymnastics**. The children will develop their skills of travelling, rolling, balancing and composing routines.

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



Reading at Home

Every child's reading diary 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. Children who are now doing **AR** will be changing their books every **Tuesday & Thursday** after completing an AR test. **Please ensure your child is reading for at least 20 minutes each day and 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.** A writing task, maths activity and spellings will be handed out each week.



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 and related division facts.



Dear Parents & Carers in Year 2,
Happy new year & welcome back to SJSJ! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday and that your children are ready for some more learning in 2022!

Adults working in Year 2

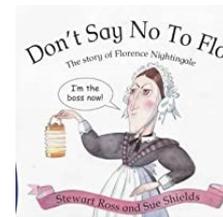
Miss Bah
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Mrs Crowne

Key dates

Recycling workshop - 21.01.22
Red nose day - 04.02.22
Safer internet day - 08.02.22

English

In writing our focus text will be **Don't Say No To Flo!**



We will be using this book to write a **Poem about Florence Nightingale**.

We will be focusing on using **figurative language** such as **alliteration** and **similes** to impact readers. We will be thinking about the structure of a poem and how this differs from writing a story.

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

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
- Money
- Statistics



We will be moving on from multiplication and division and learn about money. We will be using our multiplication knowledge to calculate amounts. We also focus on comparing amounts, finding the difference between amounts and calculating change.

We will then move onto statistics and looking at how to make tally charts, draw pictograms and how we interpret data from pictograms using our 2, 5 & 10 timetables.

Science

In science, our topic is **Animals including humans (body parts and senses)**



Our key question is: **Do people with bigger hands have bigger feet?**

We will start by drawing on our prior learning from reception and look at the similarities and differences between the way we look. We will also recap the similarities and differences between the features of different animals (wings, tails, feathers, scales).

We will then learn about identifying the different body parts of the human body including facial features. We will expand our learning by focusing on the body parts that we use for our 5 senses (sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell) and why they are important. Our Key Scientist we are looking at is Patricia Bath. She was an American scientist who found a cure for certain types of blindness.

Art



Our art topic this term is **observational drawings**. Our key artist is **Claude Monet**.

To create our pieces we will look at how to draw lines in different thicknesses. Our key words and drawing techniques we will be using are:

Lines, shapes, tones, and space.

We will be using different shades and colours to create realistic drawings. We will also be using different medias and investigating how the tone, light/dark shadings and patterns make our drawings more realistic.

Humanities—History

Our new topic this half term is **Florence Nightingale & Mary Seacole**.



Our key question is:

How did Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole change healthcare?

Our focus is history and we will be learning about:

- **The Victorian Era**
- **Who Florence Nightingale was**
- **Who Mary Seacole was**
- **The impact Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole had on health care**
- **How healthcare has changed over the years**

We will be using a range of primary and secondary sources to enquire about our key historical figures and discussing the reliability of these sources.

Oracy

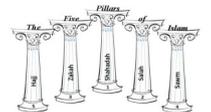
This term we will be continuing to develop each child's capacity to use speech to express their thoughts and communicate with others, in education and in life.

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



R.E & Values

This half term we will be looking at another world religion called **Islam**.



Our key question is: **How do the five pillars of Islam help a Muslim to show commitment to God (Allah)?**

Our learning will involve us looking at the 5 pillars of Islam and how Muslims show their commitment to God through their actions and prayers.

Our values focus this half term is **Celebrating differences**.

We will be learning about what makes us different. We will also be discussing why our differences are important and how bullying can be defeated through celebrating our unique qualities.