

## Science

In science we will be learning about **Animals including Humans** for the whole of the Spring term.

Throughout this unit we will be investigating what animals, including human beings, need to grow. This will include learning about the benefits of exercise, a healthy diet and good hygiene.

We will then learn about the life cycles of a variety of creatures, including the life cycle of human beings.



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

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 3, welcome back to SJSJ and 2022!

We hope you have had a happy, healthy and relaxing Christmas holiday!

We have many interesting units of work to cover this half term and the Year 3 team are excited to start!

### Adults working in Year 3

Mrs Lloyd  
Ms Paul  
Ms Gedney (student teacher)

## Reading

In our reading lessons, we will continue to read a variety of quality fiction, non-fiction texts and answer comprehension questions about them.

Thank you for reading daily with your child at home. Every child has made good progress in reading this year and your support is vital for this to continue.

Please make sure your child brings in to school their school reading book and reading journal every day.



## Humanities — History



This term we will be basing our learning around the exciting topic of **Ancient Egypt!**

The key question we'll focus on is:  
**Why were the Ancient Egyptians so successful?**

Throughout the topic, Year 3 will research significant people in Ancient Egypt, such as Tutankhamun and Cleopatra, as well as looking at the significance and history of the great pyramids.

The people of Egypt had strong religious beliefs which influenced their day to day lifestyle and it is the beliefs and the subsequent actions of the Ancient Egyptians which we will then become our focus.

## Writing

Year 3's writing will be inspired by our Ancient Egyptian history topic.



First, we'll write character descriptions of the two very different sisters in our class book *The Egyptian Cinderella* by Shirley Climo. This will give us the opportunity to use ambitious vocabulary to make the descriptions exciting to read.

Following that, we'll write gruesome instructions on how to make your very own mummy! Our grammatical focus will be writing a list using a colon and commas for punctuation.

## PE

PE will continue to take place every **Friday morning**. This term the focus is **gymnastics**.

Please ensure that your child has the correct school PE uniform for each session.



## Oracy

This half term, Year 3 will be debating the question:

**Was Ancient Egyptian life fair?**

The children will use their new knowledge from our history lessons to form arguments for and against this question.

They will then practise sharing their arguments using clear and audible voices and focusing on how body language can be used for a confident presentation.



## Maths

We will start the half term by continuing to focus on multiplication and division. In line with the Maths holiday homework, it is important that times tables continue to be practised at home in order to develop fluency.

Next, we will move on to money. Year 3 will learn to add and subtract money and how to give change.

Our final topic is statistics, when Year 3 will recap how to draw and interpret pictograms before moving on to drawing and interpreting bar charts and tables.



## RE

In RE we will be focusing on **Judaism**.

Our learning this half term will be guided towards answering our key question:  
**What is it like to be Jewish?**

Throughout this topic we will be exploring different objects used within Jewish worship and discussing their importance. We will then discover where, within a Synagogue, would we find these objects.

We will visit a synagogue virtually and learn how Jewish people worship and the different festivals to show their faith.

## Homework

Homework is handed out each week on Friday and should be returned to school by Tuesday. The homework consists of spelling, maths and a topic-based activity. It is also important to continue to practise times tables on a weekly basis. Do log in to <https://ttrockstars.com/>

If your child finds the homework too challenging in a particular week, please leave a note in the book to let me know.