

## SATS Support

After Parents evening in the autumn term, Miss Bienias sent out some links to support students with preparing for their SATS exams. They are below should you need them:

### Arithmetic

<https://www.emaths.co.uk/index.php/student-resources/past-papers/ks2-sat-2016-practice-papers/category/arithmetic-2>

<https://myminimaths.co.uk/year-6-arithmetic-practice-papers/>

### Maths Reasoning Practice (Word Problems)

<https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/free-ks2-sats-papers-sats-revision-maths/#2-2-topic-based-sats-questions->

### Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/resources/ks2-sats-online-10-minute-tests>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

## Science

In science, we will be focusing our learning around *Living Things and Their Habitats*.

We will be using *classification keys* to observe characteristics of specific living things. We will use the keys to subdivide different species, as well as plants.

We will find out about the work of our key scientist, who is Carl Linnaeus, a Swedish botanist. Using his system of a "hierarchy of levels," we will find ways to classify living species.

## Computing

In computing this half-term we will continue our *Privacy and Security* work by ensuring we are aware how to keep safe online, through setting varied and complex passwords. We will discuss the importance of self-regulating our use of technology and find ways to support each other in doing so.

The class will also use KODU programming to create a 3D city, with which they can design interior and exterior buildings and add, control and predict behaviours of characters.



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

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 6,  
We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break  
and Happy New Year from the Year 6 team!

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

### Adults working in Year 6

Miss Bienias  
Miss Gladstone  
Miss Barratt  
Mr Lefebre  
Mrs Man

## History

This half term, we will be starting a very exciting new history topic: *Crime and Punishment*.

We will be looking at how crime and punishment has developed throughout history, whilst re-visiting some key historical eras the children have studied over Key Stage Two. The lessons will focus on Ancient Greek Crimes, the Roman legacy of Crime and Punishment, Victorian prisons and the way a World War affected crime in 1939–1945.

## Homework

Homework will be uploaded each week on a Friday to *Google Classroom* and must be returned to school by *Tuesday* in the children's homework books. There is *spelling, SPAG and maths* homework each week, which is linked to our week's learning.

## Arithmetic Daily Practice

In a similar way to Autumn term, the children will also receive daily maths practise. This is to support the children with their confidence in approaching assessment-style questions. The children will receive this on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and it will be marked the following day.

Please support your child by ensuring they have their arithmetic book with them every day and have completed the short activity.

## PE

PE will take place on **Friday**.

This half term we will be focusing on **gymnastics**.

Please ensure that your child brings the correct PE kit to school in order to participate in these lessons.

## Maths

This half term, the children will start the half term with learning about translations and reflections in all four quadrants as part of their **geometry** maths work.

After this, we will focus on **Fractions, Decimals and Percentages**. We will be finding percentages of amounts as well as ordering, comparing and finding equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.

The children will be working on their reasoning skills through unpicking a variety of word problems and discussing the techniques and strategies required to answer them efficiently and accurately.



## Times Tables

It is extremely important that all children are practising their times tables at home daily. Children should be able to fluently recall all times tables up to 12 and know their related division facts. We encourage the children to use Times Tables Rock Stars to improve their fluency with their times tables.



## RE and Values

In RE lessons, we will be focusing on the beliefs and traditions of **Buddhism**. We will be comparing Buddhism to other religions and discussing the positive impact that Buddhist teaching can have on our lives.

In values we will be thinking about **'Celebrating Differences'**, as we discuss the importance of **acceptance and tolerance** and how these key values ensure a peaceful environment, where every child feels comfortable to express themselves.



## Daily Reading

Children are expected to read for at least 15 minutes each night. After they have done this, they should record the following details in their reading record:

- Title of the book
- Author of the book
- The pages they read
- A short summary of what they read.

Miss Bienias checks the reading records each day, so please support your child by ensuring they fill in their reading record with evidence of what they read.

## Writing

In writing this half term, we will be studying the gripping play "Macbeth" by William Shakespeare. This wonderful story tells the tale of Macbeth, who has been cunningly misled by three witches and becomes a tyrant in order to gain power over Scotland. Based on the text, we will be **writing newspaper reports and poems**.

## Covid-19 and Preventative Measures

In light of the increasing cases of Covid and the new Omicron Variant, we will be ensuring ventilation and hygiene are our priority this term and unfortunately, will not be having parents in school for assemblies. As soon as it is safe to do so, we hope to welcome you all back to share the wonderful learning that the class are doing.