



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

PE

We will continue to have PE on a **Monday**.

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



Please make sure that your child has the correct school PE kit for each session. **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 on a **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 and carers of children in Year 2,
Welcome back to SJSJ! We hope you had a relaxing Easter Holiday and your children are ready for the start to our summer term.

Adults working in Year 2

Miss Bah
Mrs Crowne
Miss Kaur

English

In writing our focus texts will be:
Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine
Our Queen Elizabeth



We will be using this book to write in two different genres:

- To write a postcard from the past
- To write a biography

We will continue to focus on our year 2 writing targets making sure we are starting our sentences with capital letters and ending them with full stops.

Each child has their own individual targets that they are working towards and focusing on within our writing lessons.

Trips & workshops

Please find the key dates for trips and visits this term:

- **Wednesday 27th April**—Buckingham Palace
- **Monday 9th May**—Orchestra concert
- **Thursday 12th May**—Queen's Jubilee dance workshop
- **Friday 27th May**—Queen's Jubilee tea party

Maths

This term we will focus on:

- Counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s
- Fractions
- Length and height
- Position and Direction



We will start our term by learning all about fractions, continuing with fractions of shapes and moving on to finding fractions of amounts. We will be focusing on how to find halves and quarters before moving on to finding thirds and comparing equivalent fractions. We will also be looking at length and height and measuring in centimetres and meters. We will be comparing and ordering lengths. We will finally move onto position and direction. We will be describing turns and movements.

Science

In science, our topic is:
Living things and their habitats



Our key question: Do all mini beasts like living in the same micro habitats?

Key scientist: Rachel Carson

We will start by recapping what makes a living thing, using our knowledge of MRS NERG to help us. We will then move on to thinking about why certain living things live in certain habitats and how they are suited to these environments. We will also be learning all about different food chains that you may find in certain habitats and how these effect species numbers. As well as this we will be learning about the different diets of animals and will be able to define what makes an animal a herbivore, omnivore or carnivore.

Values

Our values focus this half term is
Relationships.

We will be learning about makes a good relationship and what qualities are needed to be a good friend. We will be exploring the different relationships that we have and how these effect our everyday lives.



Humanities—History

Our new topic this half term is
Monarchs



Our key question is: What is the role of a Monarch?

Our focus is history and we will be learning about:

- Similarities and differences between the past and the present.
- What makes a strong and powerful Monarchy.
- Comparing Queen Elizabeth II's and Queen Victoria's reigns.
- Discussing the differences between a government and a monarchy.

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

For RE this half term we will be focusing on **Judaism.**



Our key question is: Why are they having a party?

We will be looking at the importance of religious festivals that Jewish people celebrate throughout the year and why they are significant.

We will also consider what religious festivals we celebrate and how they may be similar and how they differ.