

## Dates for your Diary

School photo day:  
Monday 25th April



Singing for wellbeing:  
Wednesday 4th May

Year 3 Class Assembly:  
Friday 13th May

Grow your classroom online workshop:  
Friday 13th May

Trip to Lee Valley,  
Plant Discovery Day:  
Friday 20th May



Queen's Jubilee Party:  
Friday 27th May

## Computing



This term Year 3 will become researchers by creating a questionnaire, gathering data and analysing and presenting their findings.

## RE

### What is Buddhism?

This is the key question that we will be answering this half term.

We will learn about who Buddha is and the Four Noble Truths. We will also think about similarities and differences between Buddhism and other faiths, including Christianity.



## 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 the start of our summer term! We hope you had a wonderful, relaxing Easter break.

Year 3 have had a fantastic start to the term and we are really looking forward to all our new learning opportunities in the Spring sunshine!

### Adults working in Year 3

Mrs Lloyd  
Miss Paul  
Miss Fryatt (student teacher)

## Humanities



This term we will be basing our learning in humanities lessons around the exciting topic of **the Amazon rainforest!**

We will be improving our geography skills by answering our key question—  
**What are the effects of deforestation?**

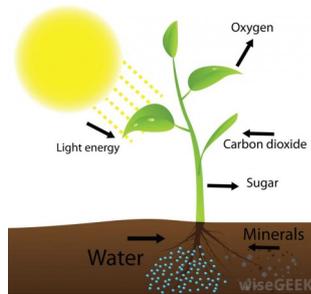
First, we will use maps to locate rainforests around the world, and the Amazon rainforest in particular.

Then we'll focus on the Amazon rainforest and learn about the plants and animals that live there.

Finally, we will learn about the effects of deforestation both locally and globally.

## Science

In science we will be revisiting our Year 2 learning about **Plants** and building on our prior learning.



We will learn how roots absorb water and nutrients from the soil and anchor the plant in place.

We will also discover that the stem transports water and nutrients and minerals around the plant and holds the leaves and flowers up in the air to enhance photosynthesis, pollination and seed dispersal.

## PE

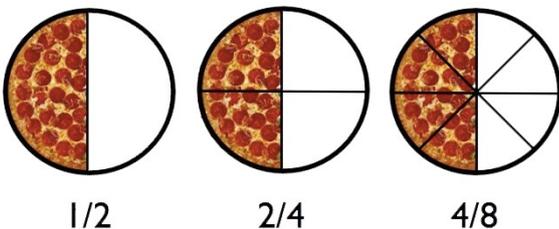
PE will continue to take place every Friday morning.

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



## Maths

We will continue to work on fractions at the start of term, including counting and adding fractions to make one whole; then moving on to understand tenths.



Our next topic is time. We will recap telling the time correctly to half an hour and quarter past and to the hour. Then we'll learn to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes.

We will also be continuing to practise our times tables. The current focus is the 3 and then the 6 times tables. Please practise these at home as much as possible.

## Writing



In writing this half term, we are writing an adventure story inspired by our knowledge gained from our history topic of life in the Amazon rainforest.

We will make our stories as exciting as possible using a range of techniques such as: showing your feelings through describing body parts; using short, sharp sentences with exclamations and questions; and starting sentences in dramatic ways.

We will also continue to work on using interesting vocabulary, particularly focusing on our verbs and adverbs.

Our grammar lessons will give us the opportunity to practise techniques that we can then use in our writing. There will be a particular focus on using apostrophes for possession correctly.



## Reading

Thank you for continuing to read daily with your child as this is really effective in helping them to make progress in their reading.

Please make sure that your child brings the home reader in to school and completes it on a daily basis to share with us what they've been reading at home.

## Homework

As usual, homework is handed out each week on a Friday and must be returned to school by **Tuesday**. There is a topic activity, a maths exercise and spelling homework.

If you or your child are unsure about how to tackle the homework, please just write a note in the homework book to let me know.

