

## Oracy



This half term, we will continue to use Oracy lessons to encourage children to practise applying their critical thinking and communication skills.

We will begin to combine our communication and listening skills with our learning in humanities to prepare and deliver a debate on the statement: **We should only eat food grown in Britain.**

## Computing

This half term in computing, we will be developing our **digital data skills** using the programme **Excel**, where the children will learn how to set up questionnaires, record their results and present them in a range of ways.

## Home Reading

Children will choose an age-appropriate text from school to read at home—this needs to be brought into school everyday.

It is expected that children read at home every evening, for a minimum of **20 minutes** and make a record of this in their yellow reading journals.



On **Monday** each week, we will continue to invite children to donate books to our class book exchange. Thank you for your ongoing support with developing our reading area!

## Homework

Homework will be uploaded to your child's Google classroom account every **Friday** and must be returned to school by **Tuesday**.

Weekly, there will be a writing task, maths activity and set of spellings. Children are to complete the activities in their homework book.

Spelling tests will take place on a **Friday** and will be based on the previous week's homework.



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

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 4,

We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing Easter break!



## Adults working in Year 4

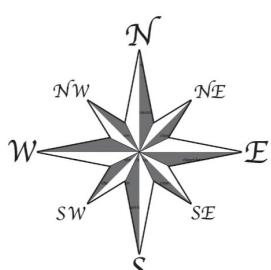
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## Humanities—Geography

This half term, we will be learning all about **North and South America**.

Our key question this half term is:  
**What is the difference between North and South America?**

We will begin to build on our knowledge of places in the world by identifying the different countries and time zones in each continent. We will then begin to explore the many states of the U.S.A. From this, we will look at the different climates within each continent and then compare between the two.



We will also be developing our field work skills by conducting a local area study of Hackney; this will allow us to make comparisons between places in different continents.

## Science

In science, our topic is '**Sound**'.

In the past, we have learnt a little bit about our sense of hearing when studying the human body.

This half term, we will build on this knowledge by learning about how sounds are made and how they travel through different states.

We will use a range of instruments to explore how sounds can be manipulated to create different volumes and pitches. We will also find out about how vibrations are translated into messages to allow us to communicate.



## PE

PE will continue to take place every **Thursday**.



The focus for this half term is: **Athletics**.

It is essential that your child has the correct PE uniform for each lesson.

## RE and Values

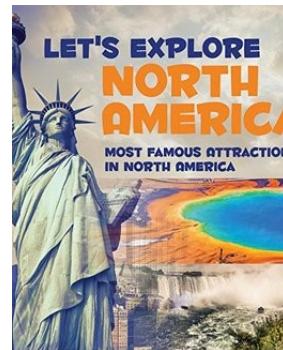
In RE, our learning will be focused around the faith **Hindusim** and we will be considering the question:  
**'What does it mean to be a Hindu?'**

We will be building on our prior knowledge of other faiths by learning about traditions and celebrations that are considered an important part of Hinduism.

Our values theme for this half term is:  
**'Relationships'**



## English



Linking with our humanities topic on The Americas, we will be exploring and producing information texts about countries in North America.

In our writing cycle, we will be writing travel brochures to persuade an audience to visit specific countries in North America. We will begin by researching our chosen country and gathering lots of facts to ensure that our information is accurate and reliable.

We will be focusing on using a variety of sentence lengths throughout our writing, using a range of clauses to extend ideas.

In grammar lessons, we will be focusing on:

- Present perfect tense
- Using a range of fronted adverbials
- Short, sharp sentences
- Modal verbs
- Direct and indirect speech

## Maths

This half term, we will be focusing on the following fundamentals:

### Fractions, Decimals and Percentages

- Find fractions of amounts
- Finds decimal equivalents of tenths and hundredths
- To compare and order decimals

### Measurement: Money

- To convert between pounds and pence
- To add and subtract amounts of money

This half term we will be recapping all times tables, from 0 to 12. We will practise these daily in school, but it is important that children continue to practise at home.



We will continue to use **Times Tables Rockstars** to encourage the children to apply their knowledge of known times tables.