



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

## Spanish

The class will be having a Spanish lesson on Friday mornings.

The Spanish topic for this half term is 'The weather in Spain.'

The class will be learning how to say all the different types of weather in Spanish, describing the weather in the past and future tense and describing their favourite weather. They will use conjunctions to link their sentences together and will practise their speaking skills by presenting weather reports in Spanish.

## Values

In Values, our unit theme is 'Relationships'. We will examine the different relationships we have with others in our community. We will also consider our relationship with technology and when it has an overpowering presence in our lives. This will link to how we stay safe online and the relationships we have with responsible adults, who we can speak to if we don't feel safe online.

## SATs Exams

Children will be taking their SATs this half term on the week commencing the 9th May 2022.

Please support your child in feeling as confident as they can be on the day, by ensuring they complete their daily maths work and weekly homework assignments. The children have worked exceptionally hard, so please remind them how proud of them we all are!

Please feel free to come and find a member of the Year 6 team with any queries or assistance needed. A more detailed letter will be sent home in due course.

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 6, we hope you had a wonderful and relaxing Easter break!

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

## Adults working in Year 6

Miss Bienias  
Miss Gladstone  
Miss Barrett  
Mr Lefebvre  
Mrs Man

## Humanities

This term, we will be returning to our geography learning in humanities. Our learning will be focused around *The Polar Regions*, as we will be answering the key question, "How is Human Activity Affecting our Polar Regions?"

This topic has a sustainability focus threading through the learning, as we look at what climate change is and how it is affecting the polar landscapes. We will think about how sustainable initiatives will support and protect some of the most threatened polar regions and the implications of these for the future of our planet. We will also learn about the human and physical geography of The Arctic and Antarctica through learning about land use, civilisations, wildlife and how to survive in such an extreme climate!

## PE

PE will take place on **Friday**.

This half term we will be focusing on football.

Please ensure that your child brings the appropriate clothing to participate in these sessions.

## Maths

Our maths learning this half term will focus on preparing the children for their SATS exams. We will be focusing on both our fluency and accuracy in our **arithmetic** and how to unpick multi-step word problems for the two **reasoning** papers.

The weekly maths homework will link to these lessons.



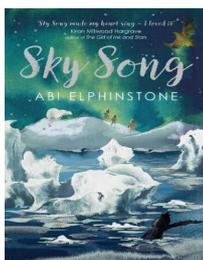
## Writing

This term we will be focusing our writing around our new class text, '**Sky Song**' by **Abi Elphinstone**. This is a majestic text about a magical, polar Kingdom called 'Erkenwald.'

Sky Song will inspire us to use our creativity and imagination, as we create our own character descriptions.

We will be creating our own magical characters and developing the perfect heroes and villains to embark upon our chosen journey!

We will continue to think about how we can use punctuation and language to create suspense and engage our reader.



## RE

In RE, Year 6 will be focusing on **Sikhism**, as we work towards answering the key question, "What does it mean to be a Sikh?"

We will study the beliefs and traditions that guide the faith and make comparisons between Sikhism and other world faiths. As part of this unit, we will learn about the Sikh gurus, the Guru Granth Sahib and rituals in the Sikh Gurdwara .



## Homework

As usual, homework will be set on Google Classroom each week and must be returned by Tuesday morning in homework books.

As always, children must also have their reading book and reading record with them each day. The reading records are checked each morning and the expectation is children read for at least 15 minutes every evening.

Please support your child with their homework, as it will include vital revision activities for the children in their preparation for the SATS exams.



## Science

Our science unit this half term is:

### 'Evolution and Inheritance'

Our key question for this topic is:  
*Why do I look similar but not identical to my family members?*

Through our enquiry-based science curriculum, we will be asking and answering questions about the following areas:

- What can fossils tell us about species of the past?
- Why do I look similar but not identical to my family?