



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

## PSHE

Our values focus this half term is **Dreams and goals**. We will be learning about what success means. We will also be setting ourselves goals.



## Reading at Home

Please read with your child at home for 10-15 minutes a day, which could involve both you reading to them and them to you. We will change home reading books on Tuesdays and Fridays, so please bring them back on those days in order to get a different one.

The reading diaries are a space for you and/or your child to record the reading they are doing at home. This can just be a quick note saying what they've read and perhaps something they enjoyed or found interesting in the book.

## Homework

Writing and maths homework will be sent home on a Friday and needs to be returned on Tuesday. This will be sent via google classrooms.

## Spellings

We use a programme called **Head Start** to teach spelling. The programme works in 4 week cycles and each cycle will focus on 4 spelling rules.

The children will have spelling words to learn for homework each week. In class, the children will look at spelling rules in more depth, through a wider range of games and activities.

We will also be using **spelling shed** for extra spelling practise. Each child has their own individual login stuck in the front of their homework books. They will be set extra activities through their profiles which will further support the children in learning and practising their spelling words each week.



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly, via the school office or the home diary.

Dear parents and carers of children in Year 1,  
Welcome back to SJSJ! We hope you had a relaxing half term and that your children are ready for the rest of the Autumn term!

Adults working in Year 1  
Miss Forman  
Mrs Eames  
Mrs Man

We also have a student teacher:  
Miss Anderson  
She begins her placement in year 1 this term.

## English

In writing our focus text will be 'Femi the Fox: a pot of jollof'



We will:

- Read and retell the story with actions and a story map
- Write a setting description

We will continue to focus on our year 1 writing targets making sure we are starting our sentences with capital letters and ending them with full stops.

The children will begin to use time conjunctions to order the events in their stories and writing. As well as this we will focus on how to structure a simple sentence and the components needed to create a simple sentence.

## Dates for your Diary

Class Assembly: Friday 18th November

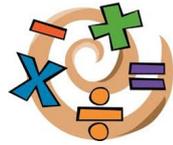
Trip to Science Museum: Friday 25th November

Christmas Performance: Wednesday 14th December

## Maths

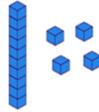
This term we will focus on:

- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
- 2D and 3D shapes
- Breaking numbers into 10s and 1s



Breaking numbers into 10s and 1s is one of the most important things we will learn this year.

You can support by discussing what each digit 'really means', e.g. "does the '1' in 14 really mean just 1?" Explain that the 1 represents 1 ten. You can also use drawings of the dienes blocks that we use in school to represent numbers or support calculations.



## Science

In science, our topic is **Everyday Materials**.

Our key question is: **What is the best material to make wellies out of?**

We will start by exploring different objects and identifying which materials they are made from.

We will then move on to learning about the properties of different everyday materials.

The children will investigate which materials float and which materials sink and why.

The children will gain a concrete understanding when we use the story, 'The Three Little Pigs' to explore what materials are used for different purposes.



## Art

Our art topic this term was **textiles**. To link in with Black History Month we created pieces of art inspired by the **kente** cloth.

To create our pieces we wove coloured card, alternating colours to make a repeating pattern.

To complete our cloths we drew similar designs to those used on the kente cloth.



## Topic

Our new topic this half term is 'UK and Nigeria',

Our key question is:

**Why is the weather in the UK different to Nigeria?**



Our focus is geography and we will be learning about:

- Human and physical geography
- The world map and where our families are from and locating Nigeria and the UK
- Life in Nigeria - similarities and differences to the UK
- Weather patterns and the climate in Nigeria
- The equator
- Maps and how to use them



## PE

We will continue to have PE on a **Friday**

This term we will be focusing on **Tag rugby and tagging games**.

Please make sure that your child has the correct school PE kit for the session.



## R.E

To begin this half term our key question is:

**Nativity Characters: Which character are you? Why are you important?**

We will learn about:

- Bible stories - The Nativity Story
- What Christians believe about the Nativity
- The importance of the characters, who they were, and how they impacted on the lives of others
- Christian living, the Church, ordinary people
- Belonging and the importance of love, tolerance, respect and faith.

