



Oracy

Each week, we will have an Oracy lesson which aims to support the children's enquiry, critical thinking and communication skills.

The children will be working together to prepare presentations and debates on specific topics throughout the year. Lots of the work that we do in these sessions will be recorded and shared on the Seesaw app. Please look out for more information about how to access the Seesaw app from home—this will allow you to keep up-to-date with what we are getting up to!

Computing

This half term in computing, we will be developing our understanding of **sounds and recordings**. We will also continue to discuss ways to stay safe online.



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—these will be checked daily, so it is important that your child brings this to school everyday.



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, welcome back to SJSJ!
We hope you had a wonderful, relaxing half term!

Year 4 have shown motivation to learn in their first half term and we are looking forward to another great term. We have many interesting units of work to cover and we are all excited to start!

Adults working in Year 4

Miss Flight
Miss Paul

Humanities - Geography



This term we will be basing our learning around the exciting topic of **Italy and Volcanoes!**

We will be expanding our geographical knowledge and skills and answering the question - **'Why are there no volcanoes in the U.K?'**

We will begin by conducting research into Italy and the way it compares and contrasts to the U.K in terms of its physical and human geography.

We will then move on by looking at Mount Vesuvius, specifically the eruption which occurred in 79 AD and what its impact up to the present day.

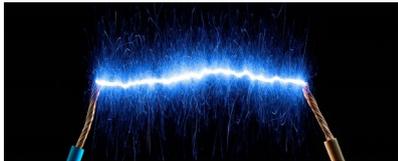
Science

In science, our topic is 'Electricity'.

We will be learning about the different equipment needed to make an electrical circuit and how we use electricity in our everyday lives.

We will be working scientifically by:

- Naming and classifying different components of an electrical circuit.
- Making electrical simple circuits.
- Comparing different electrical conductors and insulators.



PE

PE will take place on
Thursdays.

The focus this half term is tag rugby. It is essential that your child has the correct school PE uniform for each session.



RE and PSHE

In RE, our learning will be focussed around Christmas, considering the question - *'What do Christians mean by peace at Christmas?'*



We will be looking at how Jesus spread peaceful messages and how peace is spread throughout the Bible. We will then look at how the church promotes peace in

the modern day. This will then inspire us to look at how we could spread peace at Christmas and beyond.

Our PSHE theme will be *'Tree of Life'*, which will be a workshop where we will look at where we came from, where we are now and where we want to be in the future.



English

OLIVER TWIST

CHARLES DICKENS



Retold by Gill Taverer
Illustrated by Karen Donnelly

We will continue to read *'Oliver Twist'* - retold by Gill Taverer.

We will begin by writing a retell of a part of the story, then write a poem, and finally write an alternative ending to the story.

In grammar lessons, we will be focusing on:

- Punctuating direct speech
- Using speech marks
- Adding figurative language, focusing on similes and metaphors
- Including relative clauses



Maths

This half term, we will cover the concepts of area, multiplication and division.

The times tables we will be focussing on this half term are the *8's and 4's*. Please continue to practise all times tables at home because it really helps!



Multiplication and Division

- *Recalls $X \div$ facts to 12×12 (including $X \div$ by 1 & 0 and $X \div 3$ numbers together).
- *Uses short $X \div$ methods.

Measurement

- *Understands how to measure area by counting squares
- *Calculates area of squares and rectangles by multiplying
- *Compares the area of different shapes