

PE

We will continue to have PE on a **Wednesday**.

This term we will be focusing on **advanced ball skills**. The children will develop their understanding of attacking and defending principles. They will be also working on ball handling and teamwork skills.

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

Reading at Home

Every child will be given a new reading diary, which will be checked **every day**.

We will change home reading books on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, so please bring them back in order to get a different one. **Please make sure you child is reading for 20 minutes each day. Please also encourage them to read aloud to someone when possible.**

Homework

Homework will continue to be handed out each week via **google classrooms** on a Friday and must be returned to school by **Tuesday**. **It is the children's responsibility to make sure their homework is handed in.**

There will be a writing task, maths activity set on mathematics and spellings handed out each week. Please support your child by discussing the homework tasks with them.



Spellings

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 continue using **spelling shed** for extra spelling practise. 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.



Times Tables

We will continue to use Times Tables Rock Stars, to support the children in learning their times tables and developing their fluency. Children should have their login details. By the end of year 2 the children are expected to know their 2s, 3s, 5s and 10 times tables.



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

Dear Parents & Carers in Year 2,
Welcome back to SJSJ! We hope you had a relaxing half term and that your children are ready for the rest of an exciting Autumn term!

Adults working in Year 2

Miss Bah
Miss Kebbay
Miss Mann

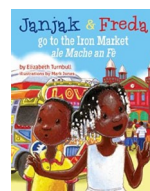
We have a student teacher this term:
Miss Mabrouk

Key dates

BHM museum trip - 14.11.23
Children in need day - 17.11.23
Christmas decoration day - 27.11.23
Natural History Museum trip—30.11.23
PTA Christmas fayre—01.12.23
Panto—18.12.23
Christmas lunch—19.12.23
Christmas performance - 20.12.23

English

In writing, our focus text will be **Tanjak & Freda go to the iron market.**



We will be using these books to write in two different genres:

- **A setting description**
- **An information leaflet**

We will continue to focus on our year 2 writing targets making sure we are using accurate punctuation, joining our sentences with a range of conjunctions and using a variety of adjectives.

Each child has their own individual targets that they are working towards and focusing on within our writing lessons.

Maths

This term we will focus on:

- Counting in 5s & 10s
- Addition and subtraction
- Shape



We will be starting with addition and subtraction by using formal written methods for solving addition and subtraction problems (drawing dienes and column method).

We will then move on to exploring shapes. We will be looking at the properties of both 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes, and use these to help us sort and classify different shapes.



Science

In science, our topic is **Plants**.



Our key question is: **What goes on a Plants wish list?**

We will start by recapping on MRS NERG and the processes needed for all living things to survive.

We will then move on to learning about how a plant grows, knowing the difference between growing from a seed and a bulb and which different types of plants grow from which. The children will investigate which plants are edible and which are not and the conditions these plants need to grow successfully. We will also be planting our own seeds and investigating which grows best in under which conditions.

Our Key Scientist we are looking at is **George Washington Carver**. He was an American Scientist who changed the way crops were grown by farmers.

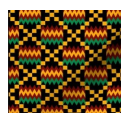
Art

Our art topic this term is **textiles**. To link in with Black History Month we will create pieces of art inspired by the Ghanaian **Kente** cloth.



To create our pieces, we will use different coloured yarn to weave our pieces. We used the colours: red, blue, black, gold and green to represent the African tradition.

To evaluate our cloths, we will think of what Kente cloth represents in the Ghanaian culture and decide what our clothes represent to us.



Humanities—Geography

Our new topic this half term is **Haiti and Earthquakes**,



Our key question is:

Why do Earthquakes happen?

Our focus is geography and we will be learning about:

- Human and physical geography
- The world map and where the continents and oceans are located
- Life in Haiti - similarities and differences to the UK
- Earthquakes and their human and physical impacts



Oracy

This term we will be continuing to develop each child capacity to use speech to express their thoughts and communicate with others, in education and in life.

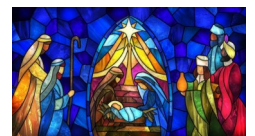
Children will have the opportunity to take part in a big presentation based on our Geography topic to help hone their oracy skills.

Presentation: **How are Earthquakes formed?**

R.E & PSHE

To begin this half term our key question is: **How does the symbol of light help us understand the meaning of Christmas for Christians?**

Some of our learning will involve us reading and retelling the nativity story through drama and using story maps.



Our PSHE focus this half term is **Dreams and goals**.

We will be learning about what success means. We will also be setting ourselves goals and thinking about how we can achieve the goals we have set.

