

PSHE

Our values theme for this half term is:

'Dreams and Goals'

We will be looking at what are dreams and goals are for this year as well as what they are in the longer term. We will discuss ways we can strive to achieve our dreams and goals and what we can do if we feel as though we aren't achieving them.



Computing

This half term in computing, we will be learning all about multimedia and what this means.

We will be focusing on developing our understanding of **sounds and recordings** and how this type of multimedia is used in different ways. We will also continue to develop our knowledge about how to stay safe online and the different risks we might come across using different technologies.



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 Forman
Miss Paul



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.

Dates for the diary:

Wednesday 22nd November: Trip to the Science Museum

Wednesday 20th December: Christmas Performance in Church

Science

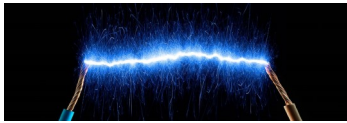
In science, our topic is 'Electricity'.

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

Our key question is: *What does a lightbulb need to light up?*

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 Friday.

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



RE

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

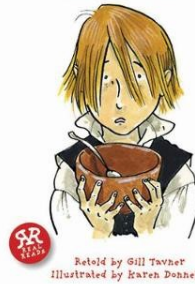
Spanish

In Spanish, we will be looking at the key Question: *¿Qué te gusta hacer?*

We will be practising conversational and literacy skills answering what do we like to do? Thinking about our hobbies and interests.

English

OLIVER
TWIST
CHARLES DICKENS



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

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 *6s* and *7s*. Please continue to practise all times tables at home because it really helps!



Multiplication and Division

- *Recalls X ÷ facts to 12x12 (including X ÷ by 1 & 0 and X 3 numbers together).
- *Uses short X ÷ methods.

Measurement

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

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 and using their knowledge from the geography topic to discuss, debate and present an answer to:

How a Volcano Forms.