

Homework

Homework will be uploaded to Google Classroom every **Friday** - children need to complete all tasks in their homework book and return this to school on the following **Tuesday**.

Each week there will be a maths, reading and spelling activity to complete. It is essential that your child engages with all of these tasks to ensure that they have an opportunity to secure their learning.

Spelling Shed

The consistent use of Spelling Shed last half term had a huge impact on the children's progress. It is an expectation that your child continues to practise their weekly spellings for a minimum of **three times a week**. Spelling tests will take place **every Thursday**.

Timestable Rockstars

Children are expected to use TTRockstars for a minimum of **three times a week** - this is essential in supporting their accuracy and fluency in maths.

All login in details are stuck on the inside cover of homework books - please let me know if you come across any problems with these.

Home-School Communication

Please check your child's **Seesaw** and **Google Classroom** accounts regularly to ensure that you stay up to date with what is happening at school.

Thank you for your ongoing support with daily home learning activities; they are making a huge difference!



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

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you had a restful half term break. We have a very busy half term ahead, with lots of things to look forward to - including the countdown to the festive period!

Adults working in Year 6:

*Miss Lawrence
Miss Uddin*

Humanities - Geography

This half term we will be learning about **Indonesia** and **Tsunamis** as part of our geography lessons.



We will be focusing on geographical skills, as we begin to understand how Tsunamis are formed.



We will then build upon our previous learning, as we learn how volcanic eruptions and earthquakes can have the potential to generate tsunamis.

PE

PE will take place on **Friday**.

This half term we will be focusing on tag rugby.

Children are to come to school wearing their PE kit every Friday.



RE and PSHE

In RE lessons, we will be learning about **Christmas for Christians**.

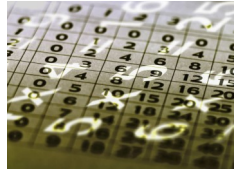
We will be thinking critically about how the message of Christmas is conveyed by Christians, and how this compares to messages that are spread among media platforms.



In Values, we will be thinking about '**Celebrating Differences**,' as we begin to unpick the concepts of exclusion and inclusion.

Maths

This half term in maths, we will be focusing on the following fundamentals:



Four Operations

- * Understand and apply the order of operations (BODMAS)
- * Use estimations and mental methods to calculate accurately

Fractions

- $+-\times\div$ fractions with diff. denominators and mixed numbers (simplest form) & recognises equivalent fractions.

Measurements

- * Convert between standard units of measure.

Home Reading

Children are expected to read for **at least 20 minutes** each night and make a record of this in their home reading journals. It is important that children record the **title** and **author**, as well as a **brief description** of what they have read.



Reading books and journals **must be brought into school daily** as these will be checked by an adult every morning.

Science

In science we will focus our learning around **Light**.

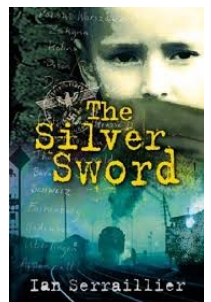


In science, our learning will be focused around light and we be thinking about how light travels and how shadows form.

Our key scientist this half term is **Isaac Newton**, who investigated light as part of his key scientific achievements.

Writing

In writing this half term, we will continue using our class text - **The Silver Sword**, by Ian Serrailier - to inspire us to write newspaper articles and poems about events that took place across Poland, during World War 2.



For each cycle of writing we will be introducing and developing the following grammar focuses:

- Direct Speech
- Use of colons and semi colons