



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

### PSHE

Our values focus this half term is **Celebrating Differences**.



We will be learning about why being different is important. We are focusing on what is racism, gender Stereotypes, bullying and disabilities.

### 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

Homework including spellings and an additional task will be sent home on a Friday and needs to be returned on Tuesday. This will be sent via google classrooms.

A Mathletics task will also be uploaded on Friday to be completed by the following Tuesday.

### Spellings

Spelling tests are every 4 weeks. Children will be given spellings to practice every Friday. It is important that the children practise.

These are some of our focus sounds this term: **ie (tie), ir (girl), ai (rain), igh (light), oy (boy)**.

The common exception words they will be tested on are: **was, said, your, where, there**.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly, via the school office or the homework diary. Thank you for your continued support.

Dear parents and carers of children in Year 1,

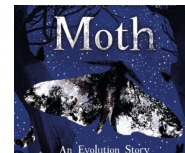
Welcome back to SJSJ! We hope you had a relaxing Christmas and that your children are ready for Spring term!

Adults working in Year 1

Miss Thomson  
Miss Kebbay  
Mr Martin

### English

In writing our focus text will be



We will:

- Read and retell a story titled 'The Book of Moths' with actions and a story map
- Write a non-chronological report about The Peppered Moth

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 prepositions to describe where an object is in space or time. As well as this we will focus on how to structure a simple sentence and the components needed to create a simple sentence. An example of a simple sentence includes the subject and action: The Moth is flying.

### PE

Our PE day will continue to be on a Tuesday. Please can your child come to school on this day wearing their PE kit.



This term we will be focusing on **Dance**.

Please make sure that your child has the correct school PE kit for the session and be mindful of ensuring hair is tied back and no jewellery is worn.

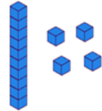
## Maths

This term we will focus on:

- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Number families up to 20
- Breaking numbers into 10s and 1s



Partitioning 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 **Animals including Humans.**

Our key question is:

**How are animals and humans different?**

We will be focusing on classification of animals. We will:

Identify and name a variety of common animals.

Describe and compare a variety of common animals.

Our Key Scientist is:

**Jane Goodhall**

She is famous for her studies of chimpanzees and how they are closely related to humans. She also discovered that chimpanzees are omnivores.



## Computing

Our unit is all about Digital Writing. We will be learning to:

- Use the keyboard
- Add text
- Edit text in a document
- Share and edit our work



Education for a connected world

Online reputation



Looking at how people use information online to make judgements.

Online bullying



Discussing how technology can be used as a form of bullying and what to do to prevent this.

## History

Our new topic this half term is 'Transport and The Industrial Revolution'.



Our key question is:

**How did the Industrial Revolution change Britain?**

We will be:

Finding out what The Industrial Revolution was.

Describing how Britain changed from a rural to industrial country.

Understanding what life was like for a child in Victorian Britain.

## R.E

This half term in RE our topic is Judaism.

Our Key questions is:

**What is it like to live as a Jewish person?**



We will be learning about:

- Jewish symbols (Star of David, The Torah, etc)
- Jewish places of worship (synagogue)
- Jewish Sabbath
- The Jewish community

We will have the opportunity to discuss the Jewish faith and compare it to other religions. We will also find out about special objects and handle objects that are important to the Jewish faith.

## Key Dates

**Friday 19th January** - Non-Uniform Day

**Friday 2nd February** - Class Assembly