

Science

In science we will be learning about **Animals including Humans** for the whole of the Spring term.

Throughout this unit we will be investigating what a healthy diet consists of and why having a healthy diet is important.

We will then learn about human and animal skeletons, the functions of bones and how animal skeletons are similar and different.



Reading

In our reading lessons, we will continue to read a variety of quality fiction, non-fiction texts and answer comprehension questions about them.

Thank you for reading daily with your child at home. Every child has made good progress in reading this year and your support is vital for this to continue.

Please make sure your child brings in to school their school **reading book** and **reading record every day**.



Computing

This half term, we will be learning how to sequence sounds using Scratch. They will use motion, sound and event blocks to sequence and create their own programmes.



Dates for the Diary

Friday 19th January
Non-uniform Day

Thursday 25th January
Trip to the Wallace Collection

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

Dear parents and carers of children in Year 3,
welcome back to SJSJ and 2024!

We hope you have had a
happy, healthy and relaxing
Christmas holidays!

Adults working in Year 3

Miss Gedney
Mrs Crowne

Humanities — History



This term we will be basing our learning around the exciting topic of **Ancient Egypt!**

The key question we'll focus on is:
Why were the Ancient Egyptians so successful?

Throughout the topic, Year 3 will research significant people in Ancient Egypt, such as Tutankhamun and Cleopatra, as well as looking at the significance and history of the Great Pyramids.

The people of Egypt had strong religious beliefs which influenced their day to day lifestyles and it is the beliefs and the subsequent actions of the Ancient Egyptians which we will then become our focus.

Writing

Year 3's writing will be inspired by our Ancient Egyptian history topic. Our pieces of writing will be based on *The Egyptian Cinderella* by Shirley Climo.



We will write character descriptions to describe the main character, Rhodopis. We will use a range of prepositions to describe key features of the setting and Rhodopis.

PE

PE will take place on **Thursday** afternoons.

Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit each week. This term's focus is **Gymnastics**.



Spanish

This half term, our focus will be: **Myself**

We will learn how to say our birthday and favourite colours using the correct pronunciation.



Oracy

This half term, Year 3 will be debating the statement:
Egyptian society was unfair.

The children will use their new knowledge from our history lessons to form arguments for and against this statement.

They will then practise sharing their arguments using clear and audible voices.



PSHE

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

We will be learning about what is meant by diversity and how diversity is represented within communities. We will also discuss what bullying is and how it can be prevented.



Maths

We will focus on two topics this half term:
Multiplication and Division
Length and Measure

We will use our times table knowledge and understanding of partitioning to multiply and divide 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers.

We will then move towards using centimetres, millimetres and metres to measure lengths.

Please continue to encourage your children to practice their times tables at home. A great way to do this is on **Times Table Rockstars**.



RE

In RE we will be focusing on **Judaism**.

Our learning this half term will be guided towards answering our key question:
What does it mean to be Jewish?

Throughout this topic we will be exploring the significance of the ten commandments for Jewish people, as well as the importance of Passover and seder meal.



Homework

Homework is handed out each week on Friday and should be returned to school **by Tuesday**. The homework consists of spelling, maths and a topic-based activity.

Please encourage your child to use Spelling Shed. It is a fantastic, fun way for your child to practice their weekly spellings.

