

## PSHE

Our values focus this half term is **Healthy Me.**



We will be learning about what it means to be healthy and how we can stay healthy in both body and mind.

## 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. **Please return reading diaries daily so we can check they are being completed.** The reading diaries are a space for you and/or your child to record the reading they are doing at home. 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.

## Homework

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

## Key Dates

**Friday 8th March** : World Book Day

**w/c 11th March**: British Science Week including a Science Fair on **Friday 15th March**

**Wednesday 20th March**: Parents Evening

**Tuesday 26th March**: Y1 Trip Hackney School of Food

**Wednesday 27th March**: Easter Performance

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



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

Dear parents and carers of children in Year 1,  
Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely half term and are looking forward to the rest of the Spring term.

Adults working in Year 1

Miss Thomson

Miss Kebbay

Mr Martin

## English

In writing our focus text will be:



We will write:

- a letter about visiting famous London landmarks
- an acrostic poem titled 'London'
- A retelling of the story from a different point of view

We will continue to focus on our Year 1 writing targets, punctuating sentences with capital letters and full stops. We will also look at the use of capital letters for proper nouns and the letter 'I'.

We will then challenge ourselves by embellishing our simple sentences with simple relative pronouns 'which' and 'that'

e.g. **We visited The London Eye which**

## PE

PE will continue to be on a **Tuesday**. This term we will be focusing on:

### Tagging Games

Please make sure that your child comes to school on this day wearing their PE kit with hair tied back and no jewellery worn.



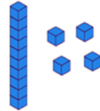
## Maths

This term we will focus on:

- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Number families up to 20 including solving addition and subtraction calculations
- Partitioning numbers into 10s and 1s
- Numbers up to 50



Partitioning numbers into 10s and 1s can be tricky. We will continue to work on this for numbers up to 50 this half term. 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 (above) that we use in school to represent numbers.



## R.E

This half term we will be focusing on **Christianity**.



Our Key question is:

**Why is Easter the most important festival for Christians?**

We will learn about the events of the Easter story, as told in the Bible. We will be looking at:

- Palm Sunday (Jesus' entry into Jerusalem)
- Maundy Thursday (The events of the Last Supper)
- Good Friday (Jesus' death and the build up to this)
- Easter Sunday (Jesus' Resurrection)

## Computing

We will be focusing on programming using Beebots, learning about what an algorithm is and why computers need algorithms to carry out instructions. We will also learn how to correct an algorithm we have created if we want to change the computer code.

### Online Safety

We will continue learning all about the **SMART** rules and think about how they can help us when we are using technology.

### Education for a Connected World

We will be focusing on the following two strands this half term:

**Privacy and Security    Self Image and Identity**



## Geography

Our new topic this half term is **'The City and the Countryside.'**

Our key question is:

**How does the city look different to the countryside?**

Our focus is **geography** and we will be:

- Understanding the difference between Urban and Rural.

- Identifying human and physical geography features in our local area.

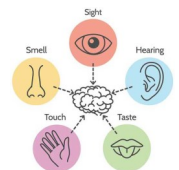
- Developing our map skills to recreate our own map of the local area.

- Undertaking a comparison study between Hackney and the Lake District.



## Science

In science, our topic is **Animals including humans (body parts and senses)**



Our key question is: **Do people with bigger hands have bigger feet?**

We will start by drawing on our prior learning from reception and look at the similarities and differences between the way we look. We will also recap the similarities and differences between the features of different animals (wings, tails, feathers, scales).

We will then learn about identifying the different body parts of the human body including facial features. We will expand our learning by focusing on the body parts that we use for our 5 senses (sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell) and why they are important.

Our Key Scientist is:  
**Patricia Bath.**



She was an American scientist who found a cure for certain types of blindness.