

Science

In science we will continue learning about
Animals including Humans.

Throughout this half term, we will be explaining and identifying key aspects of the human skeleton and how it compares and contrasts to other animal skeletons.

We will then look at how we can keep our bodies healthy and strong.



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 use **desktop publishing software.**

We will use different fonts, colours and text styles to create and improve documents.



Spanish

This half term, our key focus is:
Unit 4 Designing a Monster.

They will be creating and responding to descriptions using colours correctly.



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!

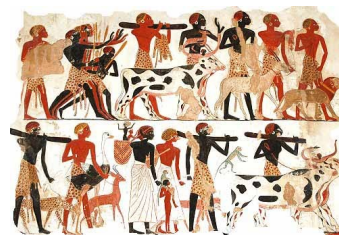
We hope you have had a
happy and relaxing half term!

We have lots of great units of work
to cover this half term and we cannot wait to
get started!

Adults working in Year 3

Miss Gedney
Mrs Crowne

Humanities — History



This term we will continue learning about
Ancient Egypt!

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

This half term, we'll be discovering more about the pyramids and the secrets that they hold. We will learn about the importance of animals in Ancient Egypt and we will be decoding messages and writing using hieroglyphics!

Dates for the diary

Friday 1st March
Year 3 Class Assembly

Wednesday 6th March
Trip to the British Museum

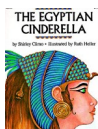
Friday 8th March
World Book Day

Wednesday 20th March
Parents Evening

Writing

The writing in Year 3 will continue to be inspired this half term by our history topic, Ancient Egypt.

Our pieces of writing will be based on *The Egyptian Cinderella* by Shirley Climo.



We will be writing formal letters in the present perfect tense from the Pharaoh to his Egyptian people, informing them of his newly found Queen, Her Majesty Rhodopis! Our grammar focus' this half term will include using the present perfect tense, relative clauses and colons to introduce a list.

PE

PE will continue to take place every **Thursday afternoon**. This term the focus is **short tennis**.

Please ensure that your child has the correct school PE uniform for each session.



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 and focusing on how body language can be used for a confident presentation.



PSHE

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

We will be learning about how to keep our minds and body healthy, keeping safe online and discussing the importance of safe and healthy choices.



Maths

We will be focusing on two units this half term:

Fractions
Mass and Capacity

Children will build on their understanding of dividing wholes equally to understand how fractions are used. We will compare and order fractions, and find out what fractions are needed to make a whole.

In the second topic, Year 3 will explore how mass and capacity are used and calculated. We will conduct investigations to determine whether taller containers have greater capacities than smaller containers.

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 **Christianity**.

Our learning this half term will be guided towards answering our key question:

Who was the most important person in the Easter story?

Throughout this topic we will be learning about key people in the Easter story and the impact they had on Jesus. We will then decide who we believe was the most important person and why.



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.

