

Homework

Homework will be uploaded to Google Classroom every **Friday**.

Each week there will be a maths, grammar, 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.

Answer will continue to be uploaded the following **Monday** to allow children to self-mark their homework tasks.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to see me.

Support for SATS Preparation

This year, the KS2 SATs will take place between Monday 13th May 2024 - Thursday 16th May 2024.

We want the children to feel as confident and prepared as possible, so would like to remind you of some of the best resources available to them:

Maths (arithmetic & times tables):

- <https://thirdspacelearning.com/resources/fluent-in-five-arithmetic-pack-years-3-6-weeks-1-6/>
- <https://www.emaths.co.uk/index.php/student-resources/past-papers/ks2-sat-2016-practice-papers/category/arithmetic-2>

Maths (reasoning):

- <https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/free-ks2-sats-papers-sats-revision-maths/#2-2-topic-based-sats-questions->

Spelling and Grammar:

- <https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/resources/ks2-sats-online-10-minute-tests>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

Home-School Communication

Please ensure that you check your child's Seesaw and Google Classroom account regularly to keep up to date with all the fantastic things that we are learning in Year 6.



Seesaw

All children should have access codes to these in their homework book, but please do not hesitate to ask if you require the login details again.



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

Dear parents and carers,
Welcome back to the Spring term!
I hope you all had a well-rested break and are ready for the upcoming weeks.

Important dates:

Friday 1st March - Secondary School Offers

Wednesday 20th March - Parents Evening (2-7pm)

Adults working in Year 6:
Miss Lawrence
Miss Uddin

Humanities - History

This half term we continue to learn about **Ancient Maya** as part of our history lessons.



We have started to make some links between cultural aspects of Mayan lifestyles by comparing them with other ancient civilisations, including Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome. We will now start to build on this by exploring religious aspects of the Mayan culture and consider how this has impacted world religions in the modern day.

PE

PE will continue take place on **Friday**. This half term we will be focusing on Volleyball. It is essential that your child has the correct school PE uniform for each session.

Computing

In Computing this half term, the children will be building on their prior **coding** skills using the software, Hour of Code.

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Maths

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

Algebra, Ratio & Proportion

- Uses simple formulae and generates and describes
- linear number sequences.
- Compares quantities using ratios.

Fractions, Decimals & Percentages

- \div fractions with diff. denominators and mixed numbers (simplest form) & recognises equivalent fractions.
- \div by 10, 100 & 1000 up to 3 d places.
- Calculates decimal fraction equivalents for a simple fraction.

Timetable Rockstars

Children should continue to use TTRackstars for **10 minutes** every day - this is really important for securing their understanding of multiplication and number fluency.



RE and PSHE

In RE lessons, we will be focusing on the celebration of **Easter for Christians**.

In PSHE lessons we will be revisiting 'Healthy Me' as we discuss the importance of taking personal responsibilities for our choices and exploring different ways to manage our stress levels and support our mental health.

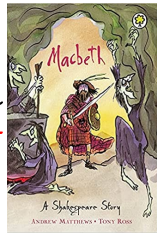
Home Reading

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, author and the page numbers of the section read, as well as a brief summary.

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

Writing

In writing this half term, we will continue reading **Macbeth, by William Shakespeare**.



We will be using key parts of the storyline to inspire us to write *balanced arguments, character descriptions and retells with alternative endings*.

Each cycle of writing will provide us with an opportunity to introduce and develop new grammar skills, including:

- parenthesis
- -ed clauses
- direct speech

Science

In science we will focus our learning around **Animals including Humans**.

We will continue exploring the impact of external factors on our bodies, as well as looking at specific functions of key parts of our circulatory and respiratory systems.



Our key scientist this half term is **Daniel Hale Williams**, who was an African-American general surgeon and was one of the first doctors to perform open-heart surgery in America. He also helped set up a multi-racial hospital in America.

Spelling Shed

The regular use of Spelling Shed last half term had a very positive impact, so please ensure that children continue to log in for at least **10 minutes** every day.

All assignments, past and present, will remain online for children to access across the school year.

Spelling tests will continue to take place weekly on **Fridays**.