

Computing

We will be furthering our learning on programming, learning about what an algorithm is and why computers need algorithms to carry out instructions. We will also learn how to join a block to make a simple algorithm and debug an algorithm with an error.

Online Safety

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

Reading diaries

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 ensure you bring them back on those days in order to get a different one.



Homework

Homework includes spellings and an additional 'whole-school' task. Homework will be uploaded on a Friday and needs to be returned on Tuesday. This will be sent via google classrooms.

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

Dates for the Diary

Monday **6th May**: Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Friday **10th May**: Year 1 Class Assembly

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to come and talk to me or make an appointment via the school office.



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

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 1,

Welcome back to the new term!

We hope you all had a lovely break and you are ready and refreshed for the Summer term!

This newsletter will give you some information about what we will be learning over this half term.

Adults working in Year 1

Miss Thomson

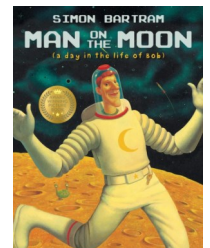
Miss Kebbay

Mr Martin

Student teacher—Miss Lee

Writing

In writing we will be using the book 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram to inspire our writing.



We will:

- Write a formal letter asking Bob questions about his life.
- Write a character and setting description about the moon and an alien.
- Write a persuasive advert for tourists coming to the Moon!

The children will also continue to practise writing sentences using a range of conjunctions to extend their ideas and adjectives to add detail.

There will be a focus on spelling and punctuation, with children learning about how to add suffixes -s, -es, -er and -est and how to use question marks.

Maths

This term we will be focusing on:



- Counting in in 2s, 5s and 10s from different start numbers
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions; learning about halves and quarters of amounts
- Mass and capacity: looking at weighing objects and comparing amounts of liquids.

In our maths lessons the children will be developing their number sense by using concrete resources and representing calculations pictorially. We will be using arrays to help

History

Our **Key question** is this term is:
What is the role of an Explorer?

We will find out the definition of an explorer. We will then learn about the different explorers and their voyages. The key explores we will be focusing on are:

- Christopher Columbus
- Neil Armstrong
- Dwayne Fields

We will then begin to think about any discoveries or achievements that have made those explorers important.

The children will think about whether they would like to be an explorer and why.



R.E

This half term we will be focusing on the religion of **Islam**.

Our Key question is:

What does it mean to be Muslim?



We will learn:

- Muslims believe that there is One God and that the prophet Muhammed (pbuh) is his messenger.
- The Qur'an is the holy book for Muslims
- revealed to the prophet Muhammad (pbuh). Muslims believe it to be the word of God.
- Prayer is very important to a Muslim's daily life and for many Muslims takes place five times a day.
- Muslims often use a prayer mat to pray because the prayer space needs to be clean.

PE

PE will continue to take place on a **Tuesday**.

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



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

Science

Our **key question** this term is:
What happens in different seasons?

We will start by finding out lots of facts about the sun and why it changes position during the day. We will also be learning to order and compare the four seasons.

We will be working scientifically by observing over time, looking at how trees change throughout the year. We started taking weekly pictures of a particular tree in the playground and now we will identify observed changes.



PSHE

Our values focus this half term is
Relationships.



We will be learning about what it means to belong to a family and being a good friend. We will also look at people who help us and celebrate special relationships.