

Science

In science our topic will be:
Plants.

We will be exploring the functions of different parts of flowering plants and explaining what plants need in order to grow and thrive.

We will conduct exciting investigations to show how water is transported through plants and explain the importance of bees to plants and biodiversity!



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.

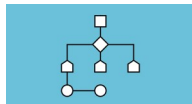
Please make sure your child brings in to school their school **reading book** and **reading record** every day.



Computing

This half term, we will be learning how to use **Hours of Code.**

We will be learning how to use programming and coding. We will learn how to create algorithms and debug an algorithm if there is an error.



Spanish

This half term, our key focus is:
Unit 5 Mi gusta la princesa.



They will be using Spanish vocabulary to express their likes and dislikes, and respond to stories with gestures and mimes.

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 the start of our summer term!

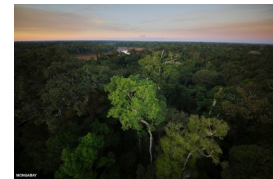
We hope you had a wonderful, relaxing Easter break.

Year 3 have had a fantastic start to the term and we are really looking forward to all our new learning opportunities in the Spring sunshine!

Adults working in Year 3

Miss Gedney
Miss Abdin

Humanities – Geography



This term we will be basing our learning in humanities lessons around the exciting topic of
The Amazon Rainforest!

We will be improving our geography skills by answering our key question—
What are the effects of deforestation?

At the start of the term, we will conduct field work to identify physical and human features in our local area. This will enable us to make comparisons between Hackney and The Amazon later in the term.

Then we'll focus on the Amazon Rainforest. We will use maps and atlases to locate the Amazon Rainforest, using lines of longitude and latitude to explain its location. We will then explore the plants and animals that live there and interconnected the layers of the rainforest are.

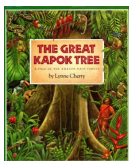
Writing

Our writing this half term will be inspired by a book closely linked to our geography learning:

The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry

We will begin the term by writing a setting description, using the fantastic illustrations from the texts. Our grammar focus will include using power of threes to create powerful descriptions.

We will also be writing persuasive letters about the impact deforestation has on the biodiversity of The Amazon Rainforest.



Maths

This half term, we will be focusing on:

Money
Time
Fractions

Year 3 will build on their understanding of fractions from Spring 2 by adding and subtracting unit and non-unit fractions, and finding fractions from a set of objects.

When learning about the value of money, the children will practice adding and subtracting money using real coins, as well as finding change through role play scenarios.

Towards the latter part of the time, Year 3 will learn to tell the time to the nearest minute using analogue and digital clocks.



Please continue to encourage your children to practice their times tables at home. A great

way to do this is on **Times Table Rockstars**.

PE

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

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:

Rainforests are essential for our planet.

The children will use their new knowledge from our geography lessons and persuasive writing task to emphasise their proposition or opposition arguments.

They will practise sharing their arguments using clear and audible voices and focusing on how body language can be used for a confident presentation.



RE

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

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

What did the Buddha teach his followers about life?

Throughout this topic we will be learning who Siddhartha was and how he became Buddha. We will explain how Buddhists live their lives in accordance with the teachings of Buddha.



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.



PSHE

Our values focus this half term is **Relationships**.

We will be learning about the importance of family roles and friendships and how to keep safe online. We will also discuss how our choices affect others around us.

