



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

Oracy



This half term, we will continue to use Oracy lessons to encourage children to practise applying their critical thinking and communication skills.

We will begin to combine our communication and listening skills with our learning in humanities to prepare and deliver a debate on the statement:

New York is a better city than London.

Computing

This half term in computing, we will be developing our **photo editing skills** using **Word**. This will allow to understand how and why we modify pictures.

Home Reading

Children will choose an age-appropriate text from school to read at home—this needs to be brought into school everyday.

It is expected that children read at home every evening, for a minimum of **20 minutes** and make a record of this in their reading journals.



Thank you for your ongoing support with

Homework

Homework will be uploaded to your child's Google classroom account every **Friday** and must be returned to school by **Tuesday**.

Weekly, there will be a topic task, maths activity and set of spellings. Children are to complete the activities in their homework book.

Spelling tests will take place on a **Friday** and will be based on the previous week's homework.

Spanish

This half term we will be learning:

Me gustan los animales y las frutas
(I like animals and fruit)

By the end of the unit, pupils should be able to:
Follow and understand the story El Loro Tico Tango

Understand and produce sentences using me gusta/me gustan, with nouns and articles

Dear Parents and Carers
of
children in Year 4,

We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing Easter break!



Key Date

Friday 3rd May —Year 4s Class assembly

Adults working in Year 4

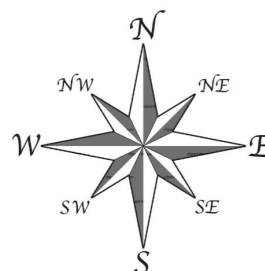
Miss Forman
Miss Paul

Humanities—Geography

This half term, we will be learning all about **North and South America**.

Our key question this half term is:
What is the difference between North and South America?

We will begin to build on our knowledge of places in the world by identifying the different countries and time zones in each continent. We will then begin to explore the many states of the U.S.A. From this, we will look at the different climates within each continent and then compare between the two.



We will also be developing our field work skills by conducting a local area study of Hackney; this will allow us to make comparisons between places in different continents.

Science

In science, our topic is 'Sound'.

This half term, we will be learning about how sounds are made and how they travel from the source to us. We will also study sound waves and how they can be affected by pitch or volume. Our unit also includes enquiries, where we will discover the effect of distance on volume and successful ways to soundproof the music room.

We will use a range of instruments to explore how sounds can be manipulated to create different volumes and pitches. We will also find out about how vibrations are translated into messages to allow us to communicate.



PE

PE will continue to take place every **Friday**.

The focus for this half term is: **Athletics**.



It is essential that your child has the correct PE uniform for each lesson.

RE and PSHE

In RE, our learning will be focused around the faith **Hinduism** and we will be considering the question:

'What does it mean to live as a Hindu?'

We will be building on our prior knowledge of other faiths and what we already know about Hinduism by learning about traditions and celebrations that are considered an important part of this religion.

Our values theme for this half term is: **'Relationships'**



English



Our Writing text this term is '**Other Words for Home**' by Jasmine Warga.

In our writing cycle, we will be writing setting descriptions. We will then write a diary entry to express some concerns that Jude has about her brother. We will be focusing on developing our figurative language by using a range of similes, metaphors, personification and show me don't tell me descriptions.

In grammar lessons, we will be focusing on:

- Relative clauses
- Subordinate clauses
- Fronted adverbials
- Present perfect tense
- Figurative language

Maths

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

Fractions, Decimals and Percentages

- To find equivalent fractions
- To find decimal equivalents of tenths and hundredths
- To compare and order decimals

Measurement: Time

- To convert time between analogue and digital 12 and 24 hr clocks.

Measurement: Money

- To convert between pounds and pence
- To add and subtract amounts of money

This half term we will be recapping all times tables, from 0 to 12. We will practise these daily in school, but it is important that children continue to practise at home.



We will continue to use **Times Tables Rockstars** to encourage the children to apply their knowledge of known times tables.

It is important that these are being practised regularly as year 4 have the multiplication check is coming up next half term.