

Homework and Home Reading

Homework and answers will be uploaded to Google Classroom every **Friday** - children need to complete all tasks. These will not be marked in school, but I will monitor engagement.

It is essential that your child engages with all of these tasks to ensure that they have an opportunity to secure their learning.

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** and **author**, as well as a **brief summary** of what they have read.

Support for SATS Preparation

This year, the KS2 SATs will take place *w/c* **Monday 12th May 2025**. 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>

Dates for the Diary

Thursday **6th March**: World Book Day
Wednesday **19th March**: Parents' Evening
Wednesday **2nd April**: Easter Performance
Thursday **3rd April**: Oracy Day

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



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.

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 a **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. Please remember, jewellery should not be worn to school.

Spelling Shed

The regular use of Spelling Shed last half term had a hugely positive impact, so please ensure that children continue to log in for at least **10 minutes per evening**. Spelling tests will now take place weekly on **Wednesdays**.



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

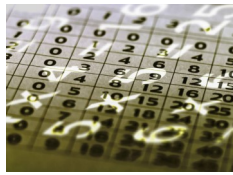
focusing on the following fundamentals:

Algebra, Ratio & Proportion

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

Fractions, Decimals & Percentages

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



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 responsibilities for our choices and exploring different ways to manage our stress levels and support our mental health.

Oracy

We will continue to develop our ability to express ourselves verbally through our next Oracy Day on Thursday 3rd April, and once again, we will welcome our parents and carers into class to participate in our class debate. The topic for this debate will be: "The Ancient Maya should be remembered for their positive contributions to the world."



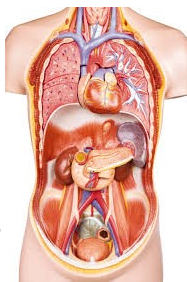
Science

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.



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 news broadcasts, character descriptions and setting descriptions.

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

- direct speech
- passive voice
- -ed/ -ing clauses
- progressive tense

