

Science

In science we will be learning about **living things and their habitats**.

We will be able to describe the differences in life-cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. We will also describe the processes of reproduction in some plants.



Our key scientist is **David Attenborough**, who creates wildlife documentaries and has a passion for conservation.

Reading

In our reading lessons, we will continue reading a variety of quality fiction and non-fiction texts and answer comprehension questions about them.

Children are expected to read for **20 minutes each night** and **record a summary** of what they have read in their reading records.

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

Homework

Homework will be uploaded to Google Classroom every week on Friday.

Each week, you will receive a series of questions on the **Mathletics app** based on the previous week's learning.

There is also an option to complete a worksheet to consolidate the previous week's maths learning. This will be uploaded each week to Google Classroom, as well as the answers, so you can self-mark the work. If your child needs a recap of the strategies used in class, there is also a video tutorial provided on Google Classroom.

Each week, the children will complete a spelling test of ten words, which will be based on the learnt spelling rule. Please support your child to practise these daily and use the Spelling Shed app to further support their learning. You will also find the login details for Spelling Shed in the front cover of your child's homework book.



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

It is a pleasure to welcome you all to Year 5 at SJSJ!

I hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Adults working in Year 5

Mr McCullough
Mrs Osman

Humanities Focus: History

This term we will be basing our learning around the exciting topic of **The Ancient Romans**.

As we delve into history, we will work towards answering our key question:

Why were the Romans so powerful and what have they done for us?

We will analyse a range of primary and secondary sources to learn about;

- The scale of the Roman Empire
- The Roman invasion of Britain
- Life in Roman Britain
- Emperor Julius Caesar
- Boudica, the rebel leader

Key Dates

Thursday 25th September
Class Trip to the National Gallery

Thursday 2nd October
Parent/teacher coffee morning

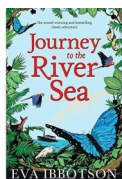
Friday 17th October
Oracy Day

Wednesday 22nd October
Black History Month performance at church

Writing

In writing this half term, our key text will be
'Journey to the River Sea'
by Eva Ibbotson

Using this text as inspiration, we will be writing for different purposes and audiences, including setting descriptions, diary entries and non-fiction information leaflets about the Amazon.



Our spelling and grammar focuses are;

- Constructing main clauses
- Expanding sentences using subordinate clauses
- Using parenthesis

Maths

This half term, we will be focusing on **place value**. We will learn to read, write, order and compare numbers up to 1,000,000, knowing the value of each digit.

We will also expand on our knowledge of Roman numerals, learning to recognise numerals up to 1000 (M).

We will also cover **addition and subtraction**. We will add and subtract numbers with more than 4 digits using column method, including regrouping.

In year 5, children are expected to be very fluent with their times tables and division facts up to 12x. Please practise on Times Table Rockstars each night.

PE

PE will take place on **Thursday afternoon**

Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit each week.

This term's focus is **netball**.



RE

This half term our learning will aim to answer this key question -
What do the miracles of Jesus teach?

We will learn about the core concept **incarnation**, understand a variety of miracles performed by Jesus and explain how these tell us that Jesus is the Son of God.



PSHE



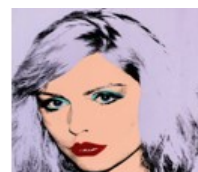
Our values focus this half term is: **Being Me and My World**.

We will be reflecting on our achievements and how to recognise different emotions in ourselves and others. We will then look at why rules are important and how they relate to rights and responsibilities.

Art

This half term we will be looking at the work of the American, pop art artist, Andy Warhol.

We will be exploring facts about the artist's life and works, while observing and critiquing his artwork.



Oracy

We will continue to work on our ability to express ourselves verbally through our next Oracy Day.

This will take place on Friday 17th October. We once again invite parents and carers to join us in class as we carry out a debate based on our History learning on the Romans.

Computing

This half term we will focus on:
Sharing Information

We will look at how we can present information online and how this links to our online reputation.

