

## Reading Diaries

Your child will be given a home reading book on at Tuesday and Thursday. Please note the change of days from last year. Your child should be reading to you 10-15 minutes every day and fill in their reading diary. Your home reading diary and book must be in school every day.

You can develop their reading skills by asking your child questions about what they have read.

## Homework

Homework will be handed out each week on Friday.

Additional Maths and Spelling homework will be sent home on a Friday via Google Classroom. Maths homework will be assigned via Mathletics. Spelling Homework can optionally be completed on Spelling Shed. Please speak to the class teacher with any queries.

## STEAM

In STEAM this term we will be building on our understanding of materials to develop structures. Inspired by the traditional tale 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', we will design, build and improve bridges that are capable of supporting weight.

## Oracy

We will continue to work on our ability to express ourselves verbally through Oracy across the curriculum over this half term. This will culminate in our next Oracy Day which will take place on Friday 12th December and once again, we will welcome our parents and carers into class to participate in our class presentation.

We will use the feedback provided by parents and carers to improve our speaking and listening skills, as well as showcase our geography learning from this half term.



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

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome back to St John and St James  
We hope you had a relaxing half term!

Adults in supporting Year 1:  
Miss Thomson and Miss Kasia

### Dates for your Diary

Friday 21st November—Y1 Class Assembly  
Thursday 4th December—Y1 Class Assembly  
Friday 5th December—PTA Christmas Fair  
Friday 12th December—Oracy Day  
Wednesday 17th December—School Performance 9:15  
Thursday 18th December—Last Day of Term  
Children dismissed at 12

## PSHE

Our values focus this half term is:  
**Dreams and Goals.**

We will be learning about what success means. We will also be setting ourselves personal goals.

## Humanities - Geography

Our new topic this half term is

'UK and Nigeria'



Our key question is:

**Why is the weather in the UK different to Nigeria?**

We will be exploring:

- Human and physical geography
- The world map and locating important places on the map, including the UK and Nigeria
- Life in Nigeria—similarities and differences to the UK
- Weather patterns and the climate in Nigeria
- What the equator is
- How to use maps



## English

In writing our focus text will be: 'Femi the Fox: A Pot of Jollof'

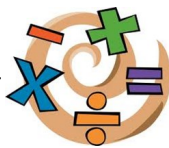


Children retell the story, write setting descriptions and instruction texts. We will continue to focus on our Year 1 writing targets making sure we are starting our sentences with capital letters and ending them with punctuation. The children will begin to use time conjunctions to order the events in their stories and writing. As well as this, we will focus on how to structure a simple sentence, using nouns, verbs and adjectives accurately.

## Maths

This term we will focus on Place Value. We will be:

- Counting in 2s and 10s
- 2D and 3D shapes
- Addition and subtraction including problem solving.



We will continue to consolidate our learning about Part Part Whole and place value with 10s and 1s. Counting forwards and backwards in 2s and 10s. Children will work on this using concrete objects, pictorial representation, oracy and abstract representations.

Complete the sentences to match the ten frame.



## Reading and Phonics

Children read in school in groups using SFA. Please have them read to you 10 minutes a day. Books will be changed Tuesday and Friday.

We will be particularly focusing on: ue (glue), ai (train), igh (light), ow (snow), aw (claw) and oi (foil)

When reading together encourage your child to notice any of these sounds.

## R.E

This half term our question is Nativity Character: Which characters are you? Why are you important?



We will be learning about The Nativity Story and what Christians believe about this story. We will explore the different characters and how they impacted the lives of others. We will also learn about Christian living, and the church. Our focus within this will be on belonging and the importance of love, tolerance, respect and faith.

## Science

Our topic is Everyday Materials

Our key question this term is: What is the best material to make wellies out of?



We will start by exploring different objects and identifying which materials they are made from. We will then learn about the properties of different everyday materials.

Children will investigate which materials float and which materials sink and why. They will do a range of investigations and build on what they discover about everyday materials on their trip to the Science Museum.

## PE

We will have PE every Monday.

This term we will be focusing on tag rugby and other tagging games.

Please make sure your child comes to school wearing the correct PE kit every Monday.

