

Homework

Homework will be uploaded onto **Google Classroom** each half term. This will be a document that consists of the **spelling, science and humanities** questions that can be researched each week.

Each week, you will receive a series of questions on the **Mathletics app** based on the previous week's maths learning. There is also a **video tutorial/ worksheet** provided on Google Classroom so your child can recap strategies.



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

Dear Parents & Carers in Year 2,
Welcome back to SJSJ! We hope you had a lovely, restful break.

We have a lot to look forward to this term and cannot wait to have the children back!

Adults working in Year 2

Miss Gedney

Mrs Eames

Mrs Kennedy (Student Teacher)

STEAM

Our STEAM focus this half term will be:
Textiles

Our brief will be:

Design, make and evaluate a fabric Christmas hand puppet.

We will research a range of hand puppets and decide what ideas we would like to incorporate into our designs. We will carefully plan and create our designs, ensuring we meet the success criteria on the brief.



Humanities

Our new topic this half term is:
Earthquakes and Haiti



Our key question is:
Why do earthquakes happen?

In geography, we will begin the topic by using maps and atlases to name the seven continents of the world, oceans and locating Haiti. We will then explore the human and physical geographical features of Haiti and make comparisons between Haiti and the UK.

We will then learn about how earthquakes form, with a particular focus on the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

Computing

Our focus in Computing this term is:
Multimedia Graphics

We will be able to describe what different freehand tools do and use the shape and line tools.

We will learn how to use a computer to paint a picture, making careful choices on the tools we use to create it.



Spellings

The children will have spelling words to learn for homework each week. In class, the children will look at spelling rules in more depth, through a wider range of games and activities.

We will also be using **Spelling Shed** for extra spelling practise. Each child has their own individual login stuck in the front of their homework books. They will be set extra activities through their profiles which will further support the children in learning and practising their spelling words each week.



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 26th November
Parents Evening

Monday 8th December
Trip to Springfield's Forest School

Wednesday 10th December
Trip to the Pantomime

Friday 12th December
Oracy Day

Wednesday 17th December
Christmas Church Performance

Writing

This half term, our focus text will be:
Janjak and Freda go to the Iron Market.

We will continue to embellish our sentences by using conjunctions, commas and adverbs.

We will start the term by writing a setting description, describing Janjak's journey to the Iron Market and what he experiences. We will also be writing adverts for a holiday website, enticing people to visit the Iron Market in Haiti, as well as a retell of the story from Freda's point of view.



Maths

This term we will focus on:
Addition, Subtraction and Multiplication



- Adding and subtracting ones from a 2-digit number
- Using part whole models for addition and subtraction
- Using number facts to solve addition and subtraction problems
- Grouping objects and representing equal groups with addition

We will continue to focus on the **2, 5 & 10 timetables** this term. Please use **Timetables Rockstars** to support the children further at home. You can find their logins on the front cover of their homework books.



Reading Diaries

Every child will be given a new reading diary, which will be checked **daily**.

We will change home reading books on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**, so please bring them back in order to get a different one. Please make sure you child is reading for 20 minutes each day. Please also encourage them to read aloud to someone when possible.



RE

This half term we will be focusing on our key question:
How does the symbol of light help us to understand the meaning of Christmas for Christians?

We will begin by analysing what Jesus meant when he said he is the light of the world and why. We will then learn about the Christingle and explain what we think is the most important symbol on it.



PSHE

Our PSHE focus this half term is:
Celebrating Differences

Throughout the term, we will define key terms, such as nationality and heritage. We will also learn about what bullying is and how to deal with bullying. Towards the end of the term, we will learn what racism is with examples.



Science

Our topic this term is:
Plants

Our key question is:
What does a plant put on its gift list?

Our key scientist is:
George Washington Carver

In this unit we will be observe a range of plants and trees to identify patterns and differences. We will conduct experiments to investigate how plants grow and explain the difference between a seed and a bulb.



PE

We will have PE every **Friday**.
This half term, our focus will be:
Football and Tag Rugby.

We will learn passing skills to our partners and how to effectively dribble. We will also how to shoot.



Oracy

We will continue to work on our ability to express ourselves verbally through our next Oracy Day. This will take place on **Friday 12th December** and once again, we will welcome our parents and carers into class to participate in our class. 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.