

Science

In science we will be learning about:
Magnets and Forces

We will observe what a force is and the many objects that a force can be applied to. We will use this understanding to explain how magnets work and where magnets are used in daily life.

Our exciting experiments will help us understand how forces can be effected depending on the surface they are used on.

Our key scientist is **Albert Einstein**, most famously known for his theory of relativity.

Oracy

This half term, 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 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.

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 their reading book and reading record into school each day.

Computing

This half term we will focus on:
Animation.

We will understand what animation is and where we have seen animations in real life. We will then use a range of techniques to create stop-frame animations using a software called iMotion.

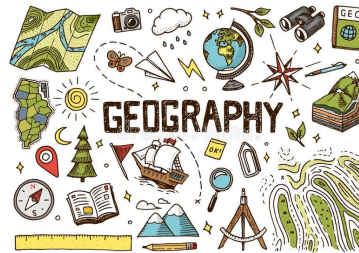
St John and St James C of E Primary School Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Year
3,

Year 3 have had a wonderful start to the new term! We're incredibly proud of everything they've achieved so far this year and can't wait to see all the progress they'll make over the coming weeks.

Adults working in Year 3

Mrs Barrett
Miss Kebbay



Humanities
Geography

This term, our learning will focus on the exciting topic of Hurricanes and Louisiana.

We'll be developing our geographical knowledge and skills as we explore the key question:
Why do some countries experience hurricanes while others don't?

To begin, we'll research where the UK is located and compare it with the USA, exploring the differences in culture between the two countries.

Next, we'll investigate how hurricanes form and why they occur. We'll also examine the powerful effects hurricanes can have on the places and people they impact, with a particular focus on Hurricane Katrina, which took place in 2005.

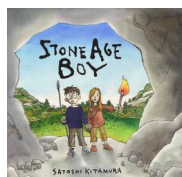
Key vocabulary the children will be using includes: latitude, longitude, climate zones, equator, biomes, hurricanes and equator.

English

In writing this half term, our key text will be *Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura.

This half term, we will be punctuating direct speech when writing a critical book review of the text.

Following on from that, we will be using the text to create free-verse poems, describing a setting based in The Stone Age.



PE

PE will take place on *Wednesday afternoons*. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit each week. This term's focus is *Tag Rugby*.



PSHE

Our PSHE focus this half term is: Celebrating Differences.

We will begin this topic by exploring what it means to be "British." We'll then discuss the concept of stereotypes and consider why certain stereotypes exist in society. Towards the end of the unit, we will focus on discrimination, particularly racism, and explore how the online world can sometimes intensify unkindness towards others. Finally, we will learn how to be activists for positive change and celebrate the unique qualities that make each of us special.

Homework

Homework is uploaded to Google Classrooms each week on Friday. The homework consists of spelling, maths and a topic-based discussion.

Please encourage your child to use Spelling Shed.

Maths

This half term, we will be focusing on two areas: *Addition and Subtraction*
Multiplication and Division

We will start the term consolidating our understanding of adding and subtracting across tens and hundreds using the column method.

We will then look at the importance of creating equal groups to multiply and the difference between grouping and sharing when dividing numbers.

Times table Rockstars

All children have now got their own personal logins for Times Table Rockstars and these can be found in their homework books. Please encourage your child to engage with this website regularly and support them with their fluent recall of key number facts.



RE

This half term our learning will aim to answer this BIG question: *How does Advent and Epiphany show us what Christmas is really like?*



We will identify the meaning of Advent and Epiphany and how the prophets helped prepare for the arrival of Jesus. We will understand why Jesus came to Earth and how this leads towards the true meaning of Christmas.

Dates for the diary

Monday 10th November
Forest school visit

Thursday 26th November
Parents Evening

Thursday 27th November
Trip to the Science Museum

Friday 5th December
Class assembly
PTA Christmas fayre

Thursday 11th December
Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12th December
Debate Day

Wednesday 17th December
Christmas performance