

RE and PSHE

In RE this half term, we will be focusing on the question:

'How do art and music convey Christmas?'

We will be observing different pieces of religious art and listening to Christmas carols along with more modern Christmas music to answer this question.

In PSHE, we will be looking at **'Dreams and goals'** which focuses on what we would like to achieve and what steps we need to take to get there.



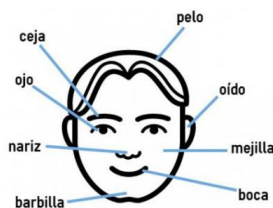
Homework

Homework will be posted each Friday on Google classroom. This will include a maths sheet with answers for self marking. I will also assign several Mathletics tasks and spellings will be available on Edshed.

Spanish

Year 5 will be continuing to learn Spanish this year and their unit this half term is the **'All about me'**. We will be focusing on learning the different parts of the face and body as well as adjectives to describe these!

Towards the end of the half term, we will be learning all about Christmas traditions in Spain and comparing them to our own.



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 debate. 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

Welcome to back to school!

I hope you all had a restful half term. We have a fantastic half term planned and we are looking forward to the exciting weeks ahead.

Key dates

Class Assembly

14.11.25

Forest School

17.11.25

Parents Evening

26.11.25

Christmas Performance at Church

18.12.24

Christmas Fayre

05.12.25

Oracy Day

12.12.15

Christmas Performance at Church

17.12.25

KS2 Disco

17.12.25

Last Day of Term

18.12.25

Please be reminded to encourage your child to read 20 minutes each evening, complete their reading record and when they are finished their book, complete an AR test. Our AR slot is Monday afternoon, this is where children can complete AR tests, change their book or read quietly. The library is also open everyday from 12 30- 1pm.

PE

PE is on Tuesday afternoon. The focus this term will be tag rugby.

Full PE kits must be worn. This includes: a green t-shirt and black tracksuit bottoms or shorts.
Children can wear these to school.

Science

Our science unit this half term is:

'Forces'

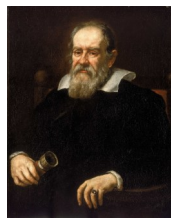
Building on the children's prior learning from year 3 about forces and magnets, we will be conducting practical scientific enquiries every lesson and learning all about:

- Forces as pushes or pulls
- The force of gravity
- The effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction
- Mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears.

Key vocabulary we will be using is: gravity, resistance, friction, mechanism, drag

Our key scientist is **Galileo**

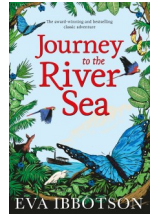
Galileo was an Italian scientist. His most famous scientific experiment was when he dropped two objects of different weights from the leaning tower of Pisa to see if they fell at the same speed. He is also famous for discovering the telescope!



English

Our class reader this half term is:

'Journey to the River Sea'
by Eva Ibbotson



We will begin the half term writing a poem based on our class text, using a range of figurative language!

Our punctuation and grammar focusses are:

- Using fronted adverbials
- Using -ing sentence starters
- Using subordinate clauses

Our spellings focus is suffixes including:

- -able
- -ably
- -ible
- -ibly

Log into EdShed to practise spellings at home! Log ins are at the front of your homework book.



Humanities

This half term, our geography topic is:
'China'



Year 5 will be using China as a focus point to develop their knowledge of the physical geography of rivers and mountains. We will be using maps, atlases, globes and digital mapping tools to locate mountains and rivers and understand how they are formed. We will be looking at the River Yangtze in China as well as Mount Everest and The Himalayas Mountains.

We will also embark on fieldwork to help us answer our key question:

'Why are rivers so important?'

Key vocabulary we will be using is: latitude, longitude, mountain, river, source, tributary, confluence, mouth, meander, erosion

Maths

The fundamentals that we will be focusing on this half term are:

Multiplication and division

- Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

Fractions, decimals and percentages

- Read, write, order and compare fractions.
- Recognise equivalent fractions.
- Add and subtract fractions with like and unlike denominators.
- Add and subtract improper fractions and mixed numbers.

As always, continue to practise your times tables fluency by using Times Tables Rockstars for 10 minutes every night.

