

## PSHE

Our values focus this half term is:  
Celebrating Differences.

We will be learning about why being different is important and focus on building an understanding of racism, gender stereotypes, bullying and disabilities.

## Home Reading

It is expected that children read for a minimum of 20 minutes each day at home; a record of this should be made in their reading record book. Where possible, please encourage your child to read out loud and to an adult, who can help them with some guided comprehension.

Books will continue to be changed every **Tuesday** and **Friday**.

## Homework

As of this half term, homework will now be uploaded to Google Classroom weekly.

Every Friday, you will receive a brief overview of learning across the week, as well as 10 spelling words, 5 arithmetic questions and some reading comprehension support.

Children will be tested on their spelling words every Wednesday, with the first spelling test set to take place on Wednesday 14th January.

This half term, children will also receive a homework book; this is solely for the purposes of recording at home and does not need to be returned to school.



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

Welcome back and Happy New Year!  
We hope you all had a wonderful break over the festive period and are looking forward to a very exciting Spring term!

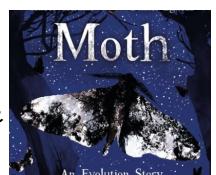
### Adults working in Year 1

Miss Lawrence  
Mrs March  
Miss Kasia

## Key Dates

Thursday 5th February - Drama Workshop  
Friday 6th February - NSPCC Number Day  
Friday 6th February - Debate Day  
Monday 9th February - East London and Essex Liberal Synagogue visit

## English



In writing, we will be using our focus text, *Moth* by Isabel Thomas, to inspire our writing.

Through our writing cycles, we will engage with different genres including:

- A story retell
- A non-chronological report
- An acrostic poem

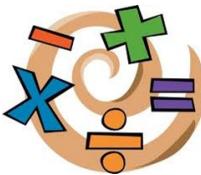
We will continue to focus on starting all sentences with a capital letter and ending them with a full stop.

We will also introduce some new grammar concepts, including:

- The use of conjunctions to extend sentences
- The use of prepositions
- The correct use of exclamation marks and question marks

## Maths

In maths lessons this half term, we will be focusing on:



- Recognising and comparing the properties of 2d and 3d shapes
- Understanding the composition of numbers 6–10
- Additive structures, including their commutative relationships

In arithmetic lessons, we will be focusing on:

- Number bonds to 10
- Finding one more
- Finding one less
- Comparing the value of numbers within 10
- Understanding doubles and halves

## Science

In Science, our topic this half term is Animals including Humans.



Our Key Question is:

**How are animals and humans different?**

We will be focusing on classification of animals by learning to identify and categorise a variety of common animals, using their physical features and diets.

Our Key Scientist is:

**Jane Goodall.**

She is famous for her studies of chimpanzees and how they are closely related to humans. She also discovered that chimpanzees are omnivores.



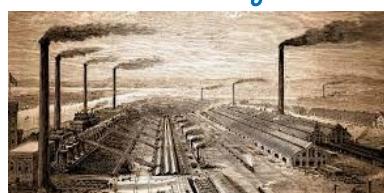
## PE



PE lessons will continue to take place on Monday.

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct PE kit.

## History



In humanities this half term, we will be learning and exploring all the past, through the 'The Industrial Revolution'.

Our Key Question is:

**How did the Industrial Revolution change Britain?**

We will be:

- Finding out what The Industrial Revolution was.
- Describing how Britain changed from a rural to industrial country.
- Understanding what life was like for a child in Victorian Britain.

## R.E

This half term in RE, we will be learning about the World Faith, Judaism.



Our Key Question is:

**What is it like to live as a Jewish person?**

We will be exploring:

- Jewish symbols (Star of David, the Tora, etc)
- Jewish places of worship (synagogue)
- How Jewish people celebrate the Sabbath
- The Jewish community

As well as discussing what we learn about the Jewish faith, we will also have the opportunity to handle important objects and make comparisons across other faiths.

Details about our upcoming trip to the East London and Essex Liberal Synagogue will follow. Please note: parent volunteers will be confirmed on a first come, first serve basis.