

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, Timestables focus on TTRS and some reading comprehension support.

Children will be tested on their spelling words every Wednesday, with the first spelling test set for the week 1 spellings of this term, 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.

Home Reading

Children are expected to read for at least **20 minutes** each night and make a record of this in their home reading journals. It is important that children record the title and author, as well as a brief summary of what they have read.

Reading books and journals must be brought into school **daily** as these will be checked every morning.



SATs Week

SATs will be taking place the week commencing Monday 11th May 2026.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to come and talk to me after all the children have been dismissed or make an appointment via the school office.



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

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the Spring term!
I hope you all had an amazing break and are ready for the upcoming weeks.

Adults

Miss Bah
Mrs Smith

Humanities - History



This half term we will be learning about **Ancient Maya** as part of our history lessons. We will be focusing on exploring the ancient civilisation by making links between Ancient Maya and civilisations that we have studied in the past, like Ancient Greece, Rome and Egypt.

We will also be using our history lessons to develop our critical thinking skills by beginning to understand how influential ancient civilisations are on the modern world as we know it today.

PE

PE will continue take place on **Friday**.

This half term we will be focusing on **parkour**. Children are to come to school wearing their PE kit every



Dates for the Diary

Friday **16th January**: Class Assembly
Thursday **22nd January**: Class Trip to Fo Guang Shan London Temple
Tuesday **10th February**: Safer Internet Day

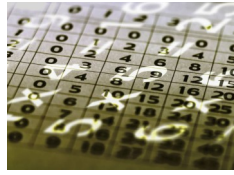
Computing

In Computing this half term, the children will be building on their prior **programming** skills using the software, Scratch.



Maths

This half term in maths, we will be focusing on the following fundamentals:



Measurements

- * Convert between standard units of measure.

Ratio & Algebra

- * Compares quantities using ratios.
- * Uses simple formulae and generates and describes linear number sequences.

Timestable Rockstars

It is really important that the children continue to work on securing their knowledge of multiplication and division facts up to 12×12 . Please ensure that your child is using TTRockstars for at least 20 minutes each across the week.

Science

In science we will focus our learning around

Animals including Humans.

We will be building on our prior knowledge and understanding of the human body exploring how controlled factors, like diet and exercise, can have positive and negative impacts on our bodies.



Our key scientist this half term is **Daniel Hale Williams**, who was an African-American general surgeon.

RE and PSHE

In RE lessons, we will be focusing on the beliefs and traditions of **Buddhism**: comparing Buddhism to other religions and discussing the positive impact that Buddhist teaching can have.



In PSHE lesson, our topic is **Dreams and Goals**. We will look at personal goals and the steps and mind-set we need to achieve them.

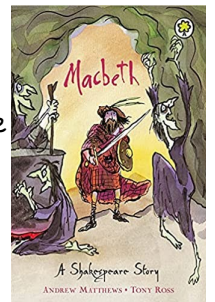
Home-School Communication

Please check your child's **Seesaw** and **Google Classroom** accounts regularly to ensure that you stay up to date with what is happening at school.

Thank you for your ongoing support with daily home learning activities; they are making a huge difference!

Writing

In writing this half term, we will be exploring the plot of the wonderful play, **Macbeth, by William Shakespeare**.



We will be using key parts of the storyline to inspire us to write poems and recounts.

Each cycle of writing will provide us with an opportunity to introduce and develop new grammar skills, including:

- Prepositional phrases
- Use of apostrophes
- Use of parenthesis

We will continue to use our edit lessons to review our writing targets and set new focuses for the following cycle. Look out for some of our published work on Seesaw!