

PSHE

Our values focus this half term is: **Healthy Me.**



We will be learning about what it means to be healthy and how we can stay healthy in both body and mind.

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

Homework will continue to 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 this half term set to take place on **Wednesday 25th February 2026**.

Please continue to use the children's homework books as a record of their home learning; these do not need to be returned to school.

Spring 2 is a very short and busy half term, with lots of exciting activities set to take place in the run up to the Easter break.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.



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

Welcome back!

We hope you had a lovely half term and are looking forward to the rest of the Spring term.

Adults working in Year 1

Miss Lawrence

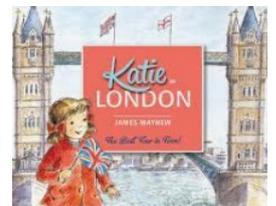
Mrs March

Miss Kasia

English

In writing, our focus text will be:

Katie In London



We will write:

- a letter about visiting famous London landmarks
- an acrostic poem titled 'London'
- A retelling of the story from a different point of view

We will continue to focus on our Year 1 writing targets; punctuating sentences with capital letters and full stops.

We will also look at the use of capital letters for proper nouns and the letter 'I'.

We will then challenge ourselves by embellishing our simple sentences with the relative pronouns 'which' and 'that'.

Key dates:

05.03.26—World Book Day

06.03.26—Year 1 Class Assembly

06.03.26—Fieldwork: Local Area Study

(volunteers welcome)

09.03.26—Forest School Lesson

(volunteers by invite-only)

09.03 - 13.03—British Science Week

18.03.26—Parents Evening

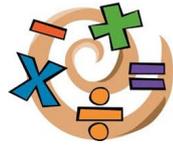
20.03.26—Red Nose Day

25.03.26—Easter Performance @ Saint

27.03.26—Last day of term; 12pm finish

Maths

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



- Understanding the relationship between part-part-whole
- Additive structures: addition within 10
- Additive structures: subtraction within 10

In arithmetic lessons, we will be focusing on:

- Finding half of an even number
- Solving balance equations, within 20
- Solving box equations, within 20

R.E

This half term we will be focusing on **Christianity**.



Our Key question is:

Why is Easter the most important festival for Christians?

We will learn about the events of the Easter story, as told in the Bible. We will be particularly looking at Palm Sunday (Jesus' entry into Jerusalem), Maundy Thursday (The events of the Last Supper), Good Friday (Jesus' death and the build up to this) and Easter Sunday (Jesus' Resurrection).

Computing

We will be programming using Beebots, learning about what an algorithm is and why computers need algorithms to carry out instructions.

We will also learn how to correct an algorithm we have created if we want to change the computer code.

Online Safety

We will continue learning all about the SMART rules, focusing on the following two strands this half term:

Privacy and Security

Self Image and Identity



Geography

Our new Geography topic this half term is 'The City and the Countryside.'

Our key question is:
How does the city look different to the countryside?



We will be:

- Understanding the difference between Urban and Rural.
- Identifying human and physical geography features in our local area.
- Developing our map skills to recreate our own map of the local area.
- Undertaking a comparison study between Hackney and the Lake District.

Science

In science this half term, our topic will continue to be:

Animals including humans.

We will be focusing our learning on the body parts and our senses.



Our key question is: **Why do humans and animals need all five senses?**

We will continue to develop our understanding of how humans are different or similar to other animals. We will also learn about identifying the different body parts of the human body including facial features. We will then expand our learning by focusing on the body parts that we use for our 5 senses (sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell) and why they are important.

Our Key Scientist is:

Patricia Bath.

She was an American scientist who found a

cure for certain types of blindness.



PE

PE will continue to take place on **Mondays**. Please make sure that your child comes to school on this day wearing their correct PE kit.