

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, the times table we have been focusing on and some reading comprehension support.**

Children will be tested on their spelling words every **Monday**, with the first spelling test set to take place on Monday 23rd February.

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

Dear Parents & Carers in Year 2,
We hope you had a restful half term. We are excited to invite the children back for the next half term!

Adults working in Year 2
Miss Gedney
Mrs Eames

STEAM

Our STEAM unit this half term is:
Cooking and Nutrition

Our STEAM project will consist of us designing, preparing and cooking two different types of pitta pizzas- a vegetarian and a meat pizza. We will have to think carefully about the ingredients we will need to meet our design criteria, and use the Eat Well Plate to understand the nutritional value of our pizzas.



Humanities

Our new topic this half term is:
The North Pole



Our key question is:
Why is the North Pole so cold?

We will begin our geography topic by exploring the location of the North Pole in relation to the United Kingdom and Hackney. We will spend a week comparing the climate in Hackney and the North Pole, identifying clear differences between the temperatures and explaining why this is. We will also explore the human and physical geographical features of the North Pole, as well as the devastating impact climate change is having on the North Pole.

Computing

Our focus in Computing this term is:
Programming—Hour of Code

We will learn how to create effective algorithms by joining simple blocks to create an intended outcome. We will also understand how to debug an algorithm if there is a problem.



PE

We will have PE every **Friday**.
This half term, our focus will be:
Short Tennis

We will learn how to perform an underarm serve, forehand return and send an object over the net.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 2nd March
Trip to the Great Fire of London

Thursday 5th March
World Book Day

Monday 16th March
Forest School at Springfield Primary School

Wednesday 18th March
Parents' Evening

Wednesday 25th March
Easter Performance at the Church

Friday 27th March
Children finish at 12.00 for Easter Break

RE

The religion we will focus on this half term is:
Christianity

This half term we will be focusing on our key question:
How do the symbols of Easter help us to understand the meaning of Easter for Christians?

We will begin the topic by recapping the Easter story and its significance to Christians. We will then focus on key religious symbols and how they help us to understand the true meaning of Easter. These symbols include the cross, stone, wine and bread.

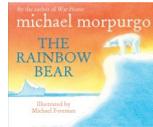


Writing

This half term, our focus text will be:
The Rainbow Bear

We will have three key grammar focuses this half term:

- Punctuating direct speech
- Similes



Our first piece of writing will be a simile poem, describing Rainbow Bear's physical and emotional characteristics.

Our last piece of writing will be an adventure story, describing the exciting events that occur throughout the text.

PSHE

Our PSHE focus this half term is:
Healthy Me

During our PSHE lessons, we will explore what we need to keep our bodies healthy and discuss how we can make healthy choices in our lives.

We will use our scientific knowledge to categorise foods into different food groups and discuss the positive impact healthy foods have on our bodies.



Maths

This term we will focus on:
Multiplication and Division
Shape

- Multiplying and dividing by 2, 5 and 10
- Naming 2-D polygons
- Describing 2-D polygons using sides and vertices



We will continue to focus on the **2, 5 and 10 timetables** this term. Please use **Timetables Rockstars** to support the children further at home. You can find their logins on the front cover of their homework books.



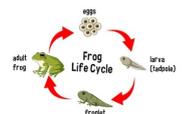
Science

Our topic this term is:
Animals Including Humans

Our key question is:
How do Animals Including Humans Grow?

Our key scientist is:
Maria Sibylla Merian

We will continue our science unit this half term by looking at the life cycles of different living things, including butterflies and frogs. For our final lesson, we will make comparisons between the life cycles of different living things.



Reading Diaries

Every child will be given a new reading diary, which will be checked **daily**.

If your child is on **AR**, when they have finished reading the entire book, please encourage them to bring their books into school and tell Miss Gedney. We can then do an AR test and receive a new book. If your child is **not on AR**, their books will be changed on **Tuesday** and **Friday**.

Please make sure your child is reading for 20 minutes each day. Please also encourage them to read aloud to someone when



Oracy

We will continue to work on our ability to express ourselves verbally through our next Oracy Day. Although we will not be hosting an Oracy Day this half term, children will have lots of opportunities to practice and develop their oracy skills in every aspect of the curriculum. They will also be using British Science Week to present their investigations, using oracy skills to enhance their presentations.