

Science

This half term, we'll be continuing our topic *Animals Including Humans*. The children will learn about the **human skeleton**, finding out how it works and how it compares to the skeletons of different animals.

We'll also be heading to **Forest School** for one of our science lessons, where the children can explore nature, spot real-life examples and apply what they've learnt outdoors.



Later on, we'll be thinking about how we can keep our bodies **healthy and strong** through good nutrition, exercise and daily habits.

Reading

In our reading lessons this half term, we will continue exploring a wide range of **high-quality fiction and non-fiction texts**. The children will develop their understanding through a variety of **comprehension activities**, helping them become confident, reflective and independent readers.

We will be using a range of questioning skills to deepen their thinking, including:

Retrieval, vocabulary, inference and summary questions.



Computing

This half term, we will be learning how to use **desktop publishing software**.

We will use different fonts, colours and text styles to create and improve documents.



Spanish

This half term, our key focus is:
Unit 4 Designing a Monster.

They will be creating and responding to descriptions using colours correctly.



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

Dear parents and carers of Year 3, a warm welcome back to SJSJ!
We hope your half term was happy, relaxing, and full of fun.
We have lots of exciting learning ahead this half term, and we can't wait to dive in with the children.

Adults working in Year 3

Mrs Barrett
Miss Kebbay

Humanities — History



This term we will continue learning about
Ancient Egypt!

The key question we'll focus on is:
Why were the Ancient Egyptians so successful?

This half term, we'll be discovering more about the pyramids and the secrets that they hold. We will learn about the importance of animals in Ancient Egypt and we will be decoding messages and writing using hieroglyphics!

Dates for the diary

Friday 27th February
Year 3 Class Assembly
Thursday 5th March
World Book Day
Tuesday 9th March
Trip to Forest School
Wednesday 18th March
Parents Evening
Wednesday 23rd March
Easter Performance at Church

Writing

In Year 3, our writing this half term will continue to be inspired by our history topic, Ancient Egypt. Our work will be based on *The Egyptian Cinderella* by Shirley Climo.



The children will be writing formal letters in the present perfect tense, written from the Pharaoh to the Egyptian people, announcing the discovery of his new Queen, Her Majesty Rhodapis. Our grammar focus this half term will include using the present perfect tense, developing relative clauses, and applying a range of adverbs to enhance writing.



PE

PE will continue to take place every **Wednesday afternoon**. This term the focus is **short tennis**.



Please ensure that your child has the correct school PE uniform for each session.

Reading

We are encouraging all children to read **10-15 minutes every day** at home to help build fluency, confidence and a love of reading. Book change days will take place on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** between **12:30 and 1:30pm** in the school library.

Please ensure that **reading records are brought into school daily**. Children should write a **1-2 sentence summary** of what they have read each day to show their understanding and engagement with the text.



PSHE

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

We will be learning about how to keep our minds and body healthy, keeping safe online and discussing the importance of safe and healthy choices.



Maths

We will be focusing on two units this half term:

Length and Perimeter

Fractions

Mass and Capacity

We will start the term, with using centimetres, millimetres and metres to measure lengths.

We will then build on our understanding of dividing wholes equally, to understand how fractions are used. We will compare and order fractions, and find out what fractions are needed to make a whole.

In the third topic, Year 3 will start to look at how mass is measured using grams and kilograms and begin to compare these units of measure.

Please continue to encourage your children to practice their times tables at home. A great way to do this is on **Times Table Rockstars**.



RE

In RE we will be focusing on **Christianity**.

Our learning this half term will be guided towards answering our key question:

Who was the most important person in the Easter story?

Throughout this topic we will be learning about key people in the Easter story and the impact they had on Jesus. We will then decide who we believe was the most important person and why.



Homework

Homework will be uploaded onto **Google Classroom** each Friday. This will be a document that consists of the 10 spelling words, the maths focus and the grammar focus.

The children will be tested on the spelling words the following Friday.



Spelling



Homework