

STEAM

Our STEAM focus this half term will be
Food and Nutrition

Our brief will be to- **Design, make and evaluate a tomato and feta focaccia.**



We will be designing our own focaccia, we will then make it by preparing the dough and adding toppings, then evaluate the final product based on taste, texture and appearance

Home Reading

Children will choose an age-appropriate text from school to read at home—this needs to be brought into school everyday.

Children should read at home for at least **20 minutes each evening** and record it in their green reading journals. These journals will be checked daily, so please ensure your child brings it to school every day.



Homework

Homework will be uploaded to Google Classroom week, including the spelling words they will be assessed on.

Children are expected to engage with TTRS on a regular basis, with help to prepare for the upcoming MTC.



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.



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

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 4,
welcome back to SJSJ!

We hope you all
enjoyed a relaxing half
term and are looking
forward to the term ahead.



Adults working in Year 4

Miss Al-Sahar
Miss El Marioud

History

This term we will be continuing our learning on the exciting historical time period

The Vikings and Anglo-Saxons!



Our key learning question is-
'What happened when the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings settled in Britain?'

We have looked in depth at the Anglo-Saxon and Viking invasions and the impact it had on Britain as we know it today.

We will now be developing our knowledge of the Vikings. We will explore their armour and war tactics, religious beliefs and trade of this period in history. We will also be finding out about the Battle of Hastings.

PE

PE will take place every **Thursday**.



The focus for this half term is: **Hockey**.
Be reminded that children are to come to school in their PE kits to allow them to maximise their learning time.

Science

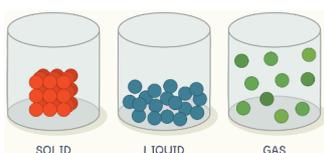
In science, our topic will continue to be -
'States of Matter'.

Last half term, we investigated different solids, liquids and gases.

We experimented where we would find these states of matter in our everyday life.

This half term, we will use our knowledge to explore the following processes:

- Condensation
- Evaporation
- Freezing
- Melting



Computing

This half term in computing, we will be developing our **programming skills** by creating loops to make coding more efficient.



They will use repetition to create patterns, animation and movements.

RE

In RE, we will be focusing our learning on the faith of **Christianity** and explore the question -
'How does Holy Communion build a Christian community?'



We will be learning about how the Holy Communion builds Christian communities. We will learn how sharing bread and wine strengthens faith, belonging and unity in Christian worship.

Key dates

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day

Wednesday 18th March—Parents' Evening

Thursday 19th March—Trip to Hackney Church

Wednesday 25th March—Easter Performance at the Church

Friday 27th March—Children finish at 12.00 for Easter Break

PSHE

Our values theme for this half term is **'Healthy Me'**.



We will be focusing on helping children understand the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle, both physically and mentally.

English



We will continue to read **'Arthur and the Golden Rope'** - by Joe Todd-Stanton.

We will begin by writing a character description and a persuasive letter.

In our grammar lessons, we will be focusing on:

- 'Show me, don't tell me' descriptions
- Expanded noun phrases
- Preposition phrases
- The use of apostrophes
- Rhetorical questions

Maths

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

Multiplication and Division

- Adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator.
- Recognising and writing decimal equivalents of any number of tenths and hundredths.
- Finding the effect of dividing a 1- and 2-digit number by 10 and 100.

This half term we will be focusing on our **7, 9 and 11** times tables. It is really important that the children continue to practise these regularly at home, using **Times Tables Rockstars** for **5 minutes daily**.

