

## Homework and Home Reading

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 25th February.

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

## Support for SATS Preparation

This year, the KS2 SATs will take place w/c **Monday 11th May 2026**. We want the children to feel as confident and prepared as possible, so would like to remind you of some of the best resources available to them:

Maths (arithmetic & times tables):

- <https://thirdspacelearning.com/resources/fluently-in-five-arithmetic-pack-years-3-6-weeks-1-6/>
- <https://www.emaths.co.uk/index.php/student-resources/past-papers/ks2-sat-2016-practice-papers/category/arithmetic-2>

Maths (reasoning):

- <https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/free-ks2-sats-papers-sats-revision-maths/#2-topic-based-sats-questions->

Spelling and Grammar:

- <https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/resources/ks2-sats-online-10-minute-tests>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

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 Spring 2 term!  
I hope you all had a well-rested break and are ready for the upcoming weeks.

**Adults**

Miss Bah  
Mrs Smith  
Miss Gulcin

## Dates for the Diary

Thursday **5th March**: World Book Day  
Tuesday **17th March**: Forest School  
Wednesday **18th March**: Parents' Evening  
Thursday **19th March**: Science Fayre  
Wednesday **25th March**: Easter Performance

## Humanities - History

This half term we continue to learn about **Ancient Maya** as part of our history lessons.



We have started to make some links between cultural aspects of Mayan lifestyles by comparing them with other ancient civilisations, including Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome. We will now start to build on this by exploring religious aspects of the Mayan culture and consider how this has impacted world religions in the modern day.

## PE

PE will continue take place on a **Friday**  
This half term we will be focusing on **Volleyball**.

It is essential that your child has the correct school PE uniform for each session. Please remember, jewellery should not be worn to school.

## Computing

In Computing this half term, the children will be building on their prior **coding** skills using the software, Hour of Code.

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## Maths

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



### Algebra, Ratio & Proportion

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

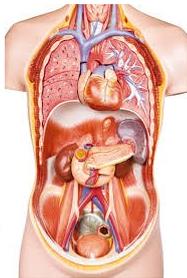
### Fractions, Decimals & Percentages

- $\pm$   $\times$   $\div$  fractions with diff. denominators and mixed numbers (simplest form) & recognises equivalent fractions.
- $\times$   $\div$  by 10, 100 & 1000 up to 3 d places.
- Calculates decimal fraction equivalents for a simple fraction.
- understanding percentages
- finding equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages

## Science

In science we will focus our learning around **Animals including Humans.**

We will continue exploring the impact of external factors on our bodies, as well as looking at specific functions of key parts of our circulatory and respiratory systems.



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 celebration of **Easter for Christians.**



In PSHE lessons we will be revisiting 'Healthy Me' as we discuss the importance of taking responsibilities for our choices and exploring different ways to manage our stress levels and support our mental health.

## 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 continue reading *Macbeth*, by William Shakespeare.

We will be using key parts of the storyline to inspire us to write news broadcasts, character descriptions and setting descriptions.

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

- figurative language
- passive voice
- -ed/ -ing clauses
- progressive tense

