

## 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 1st June.

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 and carers of children in Year 2,

Welcome back to SJSJ! We hope you had a relaxing, sunny break and your children are ready for the start to our final term of this academic year.

**Adults working in Year 2**  
Miss Gedney  
Mrs Eames  
Mr Smith (Student Teacher)

## PSHE

Our PSHE focus this half term is:  
**Changing Me**

During our PSHE lessons, we will learn about the different changes between male and female bodies, using the correct terminology. We will also learn about how to become increasingly independent.



## Humanities

Our new topic this half term is:  
**Sustainability**



Our key question is:  
**What can we do to help the future of our planet?**

We will start the topic by conducting fieldwork in our local area. We will walk around Hackney Central, observing how land has been used and what sustainable actions have been put in place to protect the environment. We will then investigate the carbon footprint of our school, and suggest ways we can further reduce our carbon footprint through sustainable solutions.

## STEAM

Our art unit this half term is:  
**Mechanics**

For our STEAM project, we will be creating a moving vehicle to show how to travel sustainably. We will explore different moving vehicle models and design a model with specific components, such as an axle and moveable wheels.



## Dates for the Diary

**Friday 5th June**  
Parents in Class for Green Week Art Exhibition

**Wednesday 10th June**  
Trip to Saint Church

**Friday 12th June**  
Non-Uniform Day

**Thursday 18th June**  
Trip to Science Museum

**Thursday 25th June**  
Trip to Hackney Music Festival

**Friday 26th June**  
Multicultural Evening

**Thursday 7th July**  
Whole School Trip to Walton on the Naze

**Wednesday 15th July**  
Leavers Performance at the Church

## Computing

Our focus in Computing this term is:  
**Data: Pictograms**

We will learn how to count and compare objects using tally charts.

With our tally charts, we will create pictograms to represent our data. This will link closely to our maths learning of interpreting data in

Colour	Number of Smarties	Frequency
Green		7
Orange		8
Blue		5
Pink		6
Yellow		11
Red		8
Purple		7
Brown		3
Key	= 2 smarties	

## Writing

This half term, our focus text will be:  
**The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle**

We will have three grammar focuses:

- Using a range of conjunctions
- Using a variety of sentence forms
- Using apostrophes to show possession

Our first piece of writing will be an information leaflet, informing people on how plastic is made. We will then write a formal letter to our local MP, explaining why we must recycle and the benefits of recycling both locally and globally.



## RE

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

This half term we will be focusing on our key question:  
**Why do Christians make and keep promises before God?**

We will learn about the significance of Baptism and what promises parents and godparents make during a Baptism. We will then look at the Baptism of Jesus and what it means for Christians.



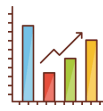
## Oracy

We will continue to work on our ability to express ourselves verbally through our next Oracy Day, which will be linked to Green Week and will be conducted through an art exhibition. This will take place on **Friday 5th June** and once again, we will welcome our parents and carers into class to participate in our class. We will use the feedback provided by parents and carers to improve our speaking and listening skills, as well as showcase our

## Maths

This term we will focus on:  
**Fractions, Time and Position and Direction**

- Finding a  $1/2$ ,  $1/4$ ,  $1/3$  and  $3/4$
- Telling the time to the hour, half hour and to 5 minutes
- Using tables to solve maths problems involving data



This term, we will focus on the **3 and 5 times table**. Please use **Timetables Rock-stars** 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:  
**Materials**

Our key question is:  
**Why is Plastic Useful?**

Our key scientist is:  
**Leo Hendrik Baekeland**

This half term, we will understand the difference between objects and materials, and identify and name a variety of materials and their properties. We will then focus on the different types of plastics and why they are useful.



## Reading Diaries

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 possible.



## PE

We will have PE every **Friday**.

This half term, our focus will be:  
**Invasion Games**

We will develop our skills in games by practising dribbling and stopping a ball using our feet. We will also develop our communication skills by understanding how to communicate effectively as a team.

