

Science



In science, we will be learning about light.

We will explore natural and artificial sources of light and investigate how light travels.

We will also learn how shadows are formed and discuss ways we can protect ourselves from the sun's rays by taking appropriate safety measures.



Reading

In our reading lessons, we will continue to read a variety of quality fiction, non-fiction texts and answer comprehension questions about them.

Thank you for reading daily with your child at home. Every child has made good progress in reading this year and your support is vital for this to continue.

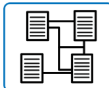
Please make sure your child brings in to school their school **reading book** and **reading record** every day.



Computing

This half term, we will focus on:
Branching Databases

We will be learning what a branching database is and how to create one. Using this knowledge, we will design an identification tool and explore how branching database can be applied in real-life situations.



Spanish

This half term, we will focus on:
Mi Familia and Spanish-speaking Countries

We will learn how to have a discussion with our partner about our pets and family and explore which countries are Spanish-speaking.

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

Dear parents and Carers of children in Year 3. Welcome back to our final term of the school year. I hope you had a lovely break and are excited for all our learning over the next few weeks.

Adults working in Year 3

Mrs Barrett
Miss Kabbay

Humanities



We're continuing to learn about **the Amazon rainforest** this half term!

We will continue our learning on what deforestation is, the impact it has both locally to The Amazon Rainforest and the globally. We will then look at climate change and how

Dates for the diary

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

Thursday 11th June
Brockwell Park Honey Bee Trip

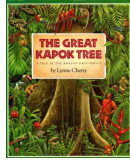
Thursday 12th June
Non-uniform Day

Monday 22nd June
Sports day

Tuesday 23rd June
Forest school

Friday 26th June
Multicultural Evening

Writing



This half term, our writing will continue to be inspired by our humanities topic as we explore *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry.

We will begin by writing a kenning poem to describe the rainforest's climate and wildlife, using metaphors and personification to bring our ideas to life.

Later in the term, we will write a diary entry from the perspective of the man who enters the rainforest to cut down the trees.

We will use a range of clauses and descriptive language to create detailed, emotive sentences.

We will also retell the story from the perspective of the animals and the tree, describing how they witnessed the possible destruction of their home and fought to protect it using persuasive language techniques.

PSHE

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

We will be learning about the changes in the body, both internally and externally and how babies grow. We will then move onto looking at family stereotypes.

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 history learning from this half term.

Maths

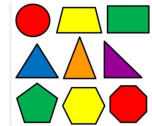
We will be focusing on three units this half term:

Time
Shape
Statistics

Children will learn how to tell the time to 5 minutes and the nearest minute, using both digital and analogue clocks.

Year 3 will explore the properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes and create their own using a variety of resources. In statistics, they will learn how to analyse data and conduct their own maths investigations!

Please continue to encourage your children to practise 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*.

This half term, our learning will centre around the key question *Who is Jesus?* Throughout the topic we will explore two important concepts: Incarnation and Gospel. We will study Jesus' "I am" statements and consider what they mean to Christians. We will also reflect on how these teachings may be relevant to our own lives today.



PE

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



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

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 and what we have learnt in science and geography.