

## RE and PSHE

In RE this half term, we will be focusing on Islam. Our key questions is:

**'How do Muslims live and embrace their faith in a diverse world?'**



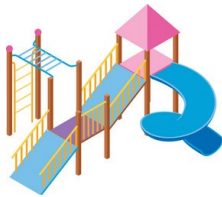
In this topic, we will understand the significance of the Shahadah, explain the importance of zakat, identify the diversity within Islam and discuss how Muslims express their faith in different ways.

In PSHE, our we will be focussing on **'Changing Me'**, discussing change through puberty, body image and preparing for transition into Year 6.

## STEAM

Our STEAM focus this half-term is 'Structures'.

Year five will be designing a playground structure and making a scale model to investigate where to add supports to strengthen their frame.



## Spanish

Year 5's have Spanish lessons on Friday mornings. The Spanish topic is *'La ciudad Espanola: A Spanish Town'* and we will practise asking and answering a variety of everyday questions.

## PE

PE is on **Wednesday afternoon**.

Please wear full PE kit on this day.

The focus this term will be **cricket**.



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

## Welcome to back to school!

We hope you had a lovely, relaxing half term holiday and we are looking forward to continuing some exciting learning in our final half term in year five!

### Adults working in Year 5

Mr McCullough

Miss Karakas

Miss Taylor

## Important Dates

There are some exciting workshops and trips planned in this half term. The dates are as follows:

- Science museum trip (11/6/26)
- Non uniform day (12/6/26)
- Forest school (24/6/26)
- Multicultural evening (26/6/26)
- Trip—The Royal Science Society (30/06/26)
- Year 1—Year 6 trip - Walton on the Naze (07/07/26)
- Leavers service in Church (15/07/26)

## Home Reading

Please remember to bring your AR or Reading Roadmap book into school everyday and to fill in your reading record each night to be checked in the morning.

The Year 5 library slot is on **Monday afternoon**. This is an opportunity for children to swap their completed books and take AR tests. This can also be done every lunchtime.

## Science

Our science unit this half term is:  
**'Earth and space'**



We will be investigating:

- What planets are in our solar system?
- How do the planets in our solar system move?
- Why do we only see the sun during the day?
- Why does the moon look different on different nights?

We will have lots of opportunities to answer our own scientific questions in our extended enquiry, which will enable the children to use secondary sources to research answers to their scientific questions.

Key vocabulary we will be using is: axis, orbit, rotates, spherical, solar system, galaxy, eclipse and all the names of the planets!

Can you think of any scientific questions you have about Earth and Space?

## Humanities

We will be continuing our geography topic of:  
**'Let's go on Safari!'**

Throughout this topic, we will be answering the key question:

**'How has tourism affected Africa's wildlife?'**

This half term, we will be evaluating the advantages and disadvantages of tourism in Africa, explain environmental threats to safari locations and suggest ways in which we can travel sustainably.

Key vocabulary we will be using is: tourism, economy, wildlife, extinction, environment,

## Computing

Our focus this half term is 'File Databases' that we use to store information, in which we will learn to sort and compare data, answering real life questions.



## Writing

This half term, Year 5 will continue to base their writing on our key text **'Warrior Boy'** by Virginia Clay.

We will be writing a free-verse poem to describe a Maasai welcoming ceremony, writing a letter to a conservation charity about poaching and writing a diary entry about key events from the story.

Our **SPAG focuses** will be:

- Fronted adverbials
- Modal verbs
- -ed sentence starters

Please practise your weekly spellings and use Spelling Shed each night.

We will be focusing on homophones and near homophones. When practising these at home, make sure to write the spellings in a sentence.

## Maths

The fundamentals that we will be focusing on this half term are:

### Multiplication and Division

\*Multiplying 4 digits by 1 digit and by 2 and 3 digits. Dividing using bus stop method.

### Rounding

\*Rounding to the nearest whole number, the nearest tenth, hundredth and thousandth.

### Converting Units and Volume

\*Converting between units with milli and kilo prefixes.

\*Recognise measures of volume and capacity and understanding  $\text{cm}^3$  as cubic centimetres.

## Homework

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

Children are expected to engage with TTRS for 10 minutes each day.

