

## Computing

In Computing lessons, we will be building on our knowledge of programming by using the Hour of Code software to create digital images and games.

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We will also continue to learn about the SMART rules and discuss the different ways that we can keep ourselves safe

## Home Reading

It is expected that children read for a minimum of 20 minutes each day at home; a record of this should be made in their reading record book. Where possible, please encourage your child to read out loud and to an adult, who can help them with some guided comprehension.



Books will continue to be changed every **Tuesday** and **Friday**.

## 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, 5 arithmetic questions and some reading comprehension support.

Children will be tested on their spelling words every Wednesday, with the first spelling test this half term set to take place on Wednesday 15th April 2026.



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term!

We hope you all had a lovely break and you are ready and refreshed for the Summer term!



Adults working in Year 1

Miss Lawrence

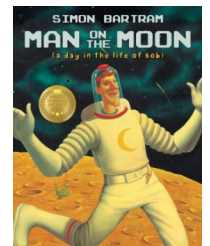
Mrs March

Miss Kasia

Miss Durkin—Student Teacher

## Writing

In writing we will be using the book 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram to inspire our writing.



We will:

- Write a formal letter asking Bob questions about his life
- Use adjectives to write a character description about an alien that we meet on the moon
- Use embellished descriptions to write a setting description about the moon
- Create persuasive adverts to entice people to visit the moon!

There will continue to be a focus on spelling and punctuation, as we learn how to add suffixes (-s, -es, -er and -est) and how to use question marks accurately.

There will also be a focus on the use of adverbs and how to use them appropriately throughout our writing.

## Maths



In maths lessons this half term, we will be focusing on:

- Addition and subtraction facts within 10
- Composition of numbers 11–19

In arithmetic lessons, we will be focusing on:

- Solving missing box equations
- Adding/subtracting one from any number
- Understanding halves and doubles

## PE

PE will continue to take place on Monday.

Please make sure that your child comes to school on this day wearing their correct PE kit.



Our Key Question on Islam this half term is:

*What does it mean to be Muslim?*



We will learn:

- What Muslims believe
- Why the Qur'an is a special book to Muslims
- Who is Muhammad and why is he important in Islam?
- Why prayer is important to a Muslim's daily life

## PSHE

Our values focus this half term is: Relationships.

We will be learning about what it means to belong to a family and being a good friend. We will also look at people who help us and celebrate special relationships.



## History

Our Key Question is this term is:

*What is the role of an Explorer?*



We will define what it means to be an explorer and learn about the lives of different explorers and their voyages.

The key explorers we will be focusing on are:

- Christopher Columbus
- Neil Armstrong
- Dwayne Fields

We will then begin to think about any discoveries or achievements that have made those explorers important. The children will also reflect on whether they would like to be an explorer and why.



## Science

Our Key Question this term is:

*What happens in different seasons?*

We will start our science unit by learning about the sun and why it changes position during the day.

We will then be working scientifically by observing over time, looking at how trees change throughout the year.

Finally, we will identify and discuss observed changes using photos we have been compiling of nearby trees.



Our Key Scientist is:

Mikaela Loach.

She is a medical student and climate justice activist based in Edinburgh,

