



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

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 13th April**.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.



Dear parents and carers of children in Year 2,

Welcome back to SJSJ! We hope you had a relaxing Easter Holiday and your children are ready for the start to our summer term.

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

Art

Our art unit this half term is:
Sculpture

Our key artists this half term is:
Chila Kumari Sing Burnam

We will begin the unit by researching our key artist, identifying sculptures she is most famous for. Then, we will develop our skills by learning various techniques we can use to create a 2-D sculpture, including looping, twisting, bending and fastening.



Humanities

Our new topic this half term is:
The Monarchs



Our key question is:
What is the role of a Monarch?

We will begin our history topic by understanding what a monarch is through an archeological dig! We will then learn about three British Monarchs: Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. Using historical sources of evidence, we will discover facts about their lives and the successes of their reigns. At the end of the topic, we will make comparisons between the monarchy and the government.

Computing

Our focus in Computing this term is:
Multimedia- eBooks

We will learn that there are different types of media and explain the functions of different tools in an app. We will create a project using mixed media tools.



Oracy

We will continue to work on our ability to express ourselves verbally through our next Oracy Day. This will take place on **Friday 15th May** 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.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 24th April
Year 2 Class Assembly

Wednesday 13th May
Trip to East London Mosque

Friday 15th May
Oracy Day

Writing

This half term, our focus text will be:
Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine

Our grammar foci will be:

- Using apostrophes for contracted forms
- Using time conjunctions to order events
- Using prepositions of place

Our first piece of writing will be a postcard from Queen Victoria about her time in Cornwall. We will then write an instruction manual for the Royal Family, explaining how they can construct a bathing machine fit for a queen. Our second piece of writing will compare two settings from the text- the Royal Palace and the beach Queen Victoria was desperate to relax on!



RE

The religion we will focus on this half term is:
Islam

This half term we will be focusing on our key question:
What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?

We will begin the topic by recapping our Year 1 learning about how Muslims pray. We will then analyse the five pillars of Islam and how Muslims can show their commitment to God through following the five pillars.



Maths

This term we will focus on:
Addition and Subtraction, Money and Fractions

- Adding and subtracting, using column method, with and without an exchange
- Using pounds and pence
- Finding change
- Finding one-half and one-quarter



We will continue recapping the **2** and **5** times tables this term. Children will also be introduced to the **3** times table for the first time, so please use **Timetables Rockstars** to support the children further at home. You can find their logins on the front cover of their homework books.



PSHE

Our PSHE focus this half term is:
Relationships

During our PSHE lessons, we will identify different members of a family and understand why it is important to share and cooperate with people. We will also explore friendships and why conflicts may arise and how they can be resolved.



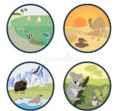
Science

Our topic this term is:
Living Things and their Habitats

Our key question is:
How do Animals and Humans Survive?

Our key scientist is:
Rachel Carson

This half term, we will explore the difference between a habitat and microhabitat. Through our enquiry lesson, we will investigate different microhabitats within the school grounds and minibeasts that thrive in them. We will also look at living things in a food chain: producers, consumers, prey and predators.



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:
Athletics

We will practice skills that will help us for Sports Day, including long jump, over-arm throwing, running techniques and relay activities.

