

## Art

Our Art focus this half term will be **Sculpture**.



Our key artist is **Clarise Cliff**.

We will explore sculpture, using techniques to create 3D artwork inspired by Clarise Cliff's bold and colourful designs.



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

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 4,  
welcome back to SJSJ!

We hope you all had a  
wonderful and  
relaxing Easter break!



## Home Reading

Children will choose an age-appropriate text from school to read at home and bring this to school **daily**.

Children should read at home for at least **20 minutes each evening** and record it in their green reading journals, which will be checked daily.



## Adults working in Year 4

Miss Al-Sahar  
Miss El Marioud

## Homework

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

Children are expected to engage with TTRS on a regular basis, with help to prepare for the upcoming MTC.



## Geography

This half term, we will be learning about  
**North and South America!**

Our key learning question is:  
**'What is the difference between North and South America?'**

We will expand our knowledge of different countries and the time zones in each continent.

We will then explore the U.S.A and their unique features.

From this, we will look at the different climates within each continent and compare the two.

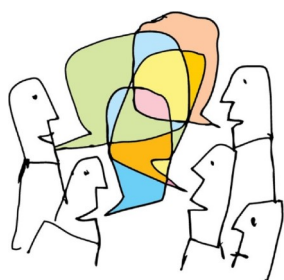


We will also develop our field work skills by conducting a local study of Hackney; this will allow us to make comparisons between the two continents.

## 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 debate.



We will use the feedback provided by parents and carers to improve our speaking and listening skills, as well as showcase our geographical learning from this half term.

## PE

PE will take place every  
**Thursday**.



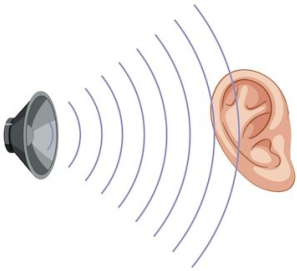
The focus for this half term is:  
**Athletics**. Children are to come to school in their PE kits to allow them to maximise their learning time.

## Science

In science, our topic will be **'Sound'**.

This half term, we will explore how sounds are created and how they travel from their source to our ears. We will study sound waves, examining how pitch and volume influence them.

Additionally, we will conduct enquiries to understand the impact of distance on volume and explore effective methods for soundproofing the music room.



We will experiment with a variety of instruments to explore how sounds varies in volume and pitch and learn how vibrations become signals for communication.

## Computing



We will be developing our **photo editing skills**. This will allow us to understand how and why we modify pictures.

## RE

In RE, we will be focusing on the faith of **Hinduism** and explore the question **'What does it mean to live as a Hindu?'**



We will be building on our prior knowledge of what we already know about Hinduism by learning about traditions and celebrations that are considered an important part of this religion.

## Key dates

**Wednesday 22nd April:** Royal Institute Physics Day.

**Tuesday 28th April:** Benjamin Franklin House (Sound).

**Friday 1st May:** Year 4 Class Assembly.

**Monday 4th May:** Bank Holiday.

**Friday 15th May:** Debate Day.

## PSHE



Our values theme for this half term is **'Relationships'**.

We will be focusing on friendships, family, resolving conflicts, and respecting personal boundaries.

## English



Our writing text is **'Other Words for Home'** by Jasmine Warga.

We will begin by writing a diary entry from the perspective of our protagonist. This will be followed by a letter from our protagonist to a friend back home.

In our grammar lessons, we will be focusing on:

- Using –ing clauses.
- Subordinating conjunctions.
- Metaphors and personification.

## Maths

This half term, we will be focusing on the following fundamentals:

### Fractions, Decimals and Percentages

- To find decimal equivalents of tenths and hundredths.
  - To compare other decimals
- Discovering the effect of dividing 1– and 2– digit number by 100.

### Measurement: Money

- To convert between pounds and pence.
- To add and subtract amounts of money.

## TTRS



This half term, we are focusing on the **9 and 12** times tables.

With the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) coming up in June, it is really important that children practise regularly at home. We encourage them to spend at least 5 minutes a day on Times Tables Rock Stars, especially using the **Garage feature** to build confidence and fluency in a fun and supportive way.