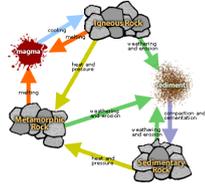


Science

In science we will be learning about **Rocks**.

We will be learning about the different types of rock we can find, comparing and then contrasting each one in order to help us identify them. We will then begin to identify the different locations on Earth we can find them and why. Following that we will look at the rock cycle which will further develop our understanding of how rocks are formed!



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

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 3, welcome back to SJSJ!
We hope you had a wonderful, relaxing summer!

Year 3 showed great maturity in their transition week last year and we hope to keep this up. We have many interesting units of work to cover and the Year 3 Team are excited to start!

Times Table Rockstars

We are very excited to announce that pupils at SJSJ now have access to a new app called 'Times Table Rockstars'.

This app is designed to build children's fluency when recalling multiplication and division tables. Each child will be given their login details shortly and will then be able to access this at home and at school. They will be able to create their own rockstar name and design their own rockstar clothes for their characters to wear.

We can't wait to see them rock!



Adults working in Year 3

Mr Watson
Mrs Eames
Miss Christian

Humanities—History



This term we will be basing our learning around the exciting topic of **Scavengers and Settlers!**

We will be delving into history by learning about our earliest ancestors and answering our key question—

How important were animals to the success of scavengers and settlers?

We will be looking at what life was like for a hunter and gatherer community and the different diets and means of eating that hunter gatherers had.

We will also be learning about the first communities who settled into a permanent location and how that has affected mankind ever since.

Accelerated Reader

Accelerated reading is timetabled for every **Thursday**.

Children will have the opportunity to complete an online test and change their reading books however they can also complete their tests and change their books **every lunchtime**.

Children are expected to have their reading books with them every day.



English

In writing this half term, we will be focusing on **Fairy tales**.

Using 'Three Little Pigs' as inspiration, we will be using effective adjectives, conjunctions and sentence starters to retell our own fairy tale.

Following on from that, we will be using the text **Wolf Brother** and the knowledge learned in our History lessons, to write a Stone Age setting description.



Maths

We will continue to use the Primary Advantage maths scheme.

The topics we will be focusing on are place value, addition and subtraction.

We will begin to look at 3 digit numbers and understand the value of each column.

We will then be using that knowledge to apply to different methods of solving addition and subtraction calculations and begin learning our 3 and 4 times tables.

It would be appreciated if times tables were also learnt at home in order to develop fluency.



PE

PE will take place on **Tuesday and Friday**.

It is essential that your child has the correct school PE uniform for each session.

This terms focus will be basketball and netball.



RE

In RE we will be focussing on **the origins and purpose of the Bible**.

Our learning this half term will be guided towards answering our key question - **What is this Bible's big story and what does it reveal about God?**

Throughout this topic we will be exploring the different books of the Bible from both Old and New Testament and making decisions based on the variety of stories told, what we know about God that we didn't before.



Trips



This half term we will be linking our trip to the work we do on **Scavengers and Settlers**.

We will be visiting Victoria Park in order to become settlers ourselves. We will search the area for useful, natural resources and use them to create our own Stone Age home.

The date for this trip is **Friday 4th October**.

It is lovely to have parents/carers with us and I know it adds a boost to your child's day too! If you think you may be free for a school trip please let any of the Year 3 adults know in advance and we can factor this in. Any help is always appreciated.

Homework

As usual, homework is handed out each week on a Friday and must be returned to school by

Tuesday. There is a writing activity, spelling activity and a maths exercise

linked to what we have been doing during the week. Please support your child by discussing the homework tasks with them.

If you or your child is unsure about how to tackle the homework, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

