

Computing

In computing we will be developing our coding skills and introducing the use of variables in algorithms. Throughout the term we will be discussing the importance of e-safety with a particular focus on how to stay safe and protected when online.

We will also be linking ICT to topic, as we think about how we can use the internet to help us research historical facts and figures.

Spanish

Year 4's Spanish unit for this half term is 'Me and my family'. In this unit, we will learn how the Spanish words to describe different family members, learn about pets and create a family tree.



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

AR

AR takes place every **Tuesday** and it is vital that your child brings their AR book in on this day.

Spelling tests

Continuing with the 'Headstart' spelling programme, children will learn spelling rules and apply these to root words. There will be a formal spelling test every four weeks which will assess how well children have learnt the spelling rules. There will also be weekly mini-spelling tests based on the spelling words the children have received that week for their homework. All spelling tests will happen on a **Friday**.

Final word

It has been a pleasure to get to know the new Year 4 class this past week and I am thoroughly looking forward to getting to know them even more and progressing their learning this year. If you have any questions or would like to speak with me, please do not hesitate to come and see me before or after school.

Miss Tinmouth



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

Welcome back to SJSJ and to Year 4!

We hope you have had a wonderful summer and are enjoying getting back into the school routine.

Adults working in Year 4

Miss Tinmouth
Mrs Crowne
Miss Man
Mr Lafebre
Mr Andrews

Trips and visits

Year 4 will be going to the Ragged School Museum on Monday 23rd September. On this exciting trip, children will be able to explore items around a Victorian household and participate in a Victorian lesson led by a Victorian teacher!



On Thursday 26th September, Year 4 will be taking part in 'Countryside Live!' which is a farming event happening in the Lee Valley. Children will get to see lots of different farm yard animals and crafts.

On Friday 11th October, Year 4 will visit Hackney Museum for the afternoon as part of our Black History month learning and celebrations.

Letters will be sent out regarding any future trips.

History



We will be learning about the Victorian era in history this half term. We will be learning about Victorian schools, health and medicine and religious beliefs at the time.

We will be analysing evidence which suggests that the workhouses were an unsafe place for children, comparing Victorian schools to schools today and conducting independent research on Queen Victoria.

Science

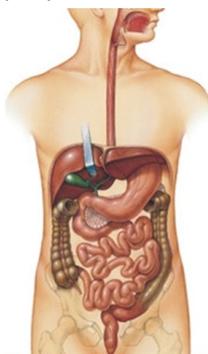
In science, our topic is named '**Animals including humans**'.

We will be learning all about how food is digested in our bodies. We will learn how enzymes in our saliva break down food, look at the structure and functions of different types of teeth and investigate the role of different digestive organs in our bodies.

We will then further our knowledge of the food cycle by analysing food chains and food webs.

We will be working scientifically by:

- Identifying different types of teeth.
- Comparing human and animal teeth.
- Investigating what drinks cause the most tooth decay.
- Predicting if living things are prey, predators or producers.



PE

PE will take place on **Thursdays and Fridays**.

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit for each session.



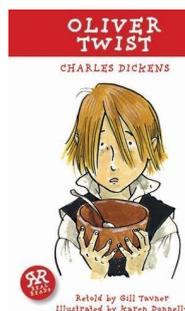
RE and Values

In RE, our learning will be focussed around the question, 'How did belief in God affect the actions of people from the Old Testament?'. We will be learning about key people and stories from the Old Testament and discussing how we can learn from these Bible stories.



The values theme for this half term is 'Peace'. We will be focussing on a key word under this theme each week and taking part in discussions and various activities.

English



Reflecting our topic on the Victorians, we will be reading, 'Oliver Twist' retold by Gill Taver.

We will be writing detailed instructions on how to pick-a-pocket focusing on using imperative verbs and including time conjunctions within and between instructions.

We will also be writing a creative character description of our favourite characters from the book.

The grammar and punctuation children in Year 4 will be focussing on is:

- Identifying adverbs and adjectives.
- Using time conjunctions at different places in a sentence.
- Identifying the subject, object and verb in a sentence.

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction and money. We will also be practising our times tables and learning associated division facts.

Place value

* Reads, writes, orders, compares up to 10,000. (knowing value of each digit)

* Rounds to nearest 10, 100, 1000 & decimals (1dp) to nearest whole.

Addition and Subtraction

* + - up to 10,000 with regrouping (using column method).

* + - nearest multiple of 10, 100 or 1000 and adjust.

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!

