

Maths

These are the fundamentals that we will be focusing on this half term:

Place Value

*Reads, writes, orders, compares up to 1,000,000 (knowing value of each digit).

*Reads Roman numerals to 1000 (M) (recognising years in Roman numerals.)

Addition and Subtraction

*+ - whole & decimal numbers more than 4 digits (including using column method).

In year 5, children are expected to be very fluent with their timetables and division facts up to 12x. These facilitate their learning of more complex skills that occur in the year 5 curriculum. Please take any opportunity you have to practise these with your child.

R.E and Values

In R.E this half term we will be looking at Miracles and the miracles which are explained to us in the bible. We will be discussing our own personal beliefs in miracles and any personal experiences. We will also be thinking about what the miracles of Jesus teach us and how they can guide us through life.

In values we will be looking at 'Being me and my world' which focuses on our year ahead in year 5 as well as each child's place in our school community and the wider community.

Trips

As part of our exciting History studies, we will be going on a **'Time line walk of London' with the Museum of London on Tuesday 15th October**. This guided walk and museum visit is aimed at providing children with a deepened chronological understanding and historical interpretation of the environment around them.

Any parent volunteers would be greatly appreciated for this trip.



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



Welcome to Year 5!

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer holidays and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead in year 5.

We have a busy year ahead; full of lots of learning, great extracurricular opportunities and enriching school trips.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the curriculum or the year ahead, feel free to organise a meeting with a year 5 adult and we will be happy to help.

The adults with year 5 this year will be:

**Miss Bienias
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Miss Odia**

PE

PE is on **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Please remind your child to bring in their kit on these days.

This term's focus will be Netball.



History

This half term in history, we are learning about **The Romans** and our key question that we will be answering is 'Why were the Romans so powerful and what did they do for us?'

We will be focusing on the impact that the Romans have had on the modern world and looking into the colossal Roman Empire and its demise. We will be investigating what life in the Roman army was like as well as life in Roman towns and the countryside.

We will look closely at customs and traditions of The Roman era including hobbies and religion of Roman citizens. We will then make comparisons with other historical periods we have studied as well as the modern day.

Science

In science this half term, our topic is **Living Things and Their Habitats**. We will focus on sexual and asexual reproduction in flowering plants and the life cycles of insects, amphibians, mammals and birds.

Accelerated Reader

Accelerated reading is timetabled for every **Wednesday afternoon**. Children will have the opportunity to complete an online test and change their reading books.

During lunchtimes, children can also complete AR tests and change books daily.

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

On Wednesdays they will be doing their AR tests so please ensure your child has their book that day.



English

In English this half term, we will be starting the academic year by studying **Fairy Tales**.

We will be focusing on Hans Christian Andersen's 'The Matchstick Girl' and writing our own versions of this classic tale.

We will also be reading **The Roman Quests** by **Caroline Lawrence** and our writing will be based on our class reading and our learning in history. We will start with writing an information text on The Roman Empire and then write a diary entry.

Spanish

Year 5 will be continuing to learn Spanish this year and will be learning an exciting curriculum this term! We will begin learning all about transport, weather and sport using stories, songs and rhymes to enhance speaking and listening.

Homework

Homework will be handed out each week on a Friday with the expectation that it will be returned to school by **Tuesday**.

Times Tables 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!

Spellings

A sheet with ten spellings to be learnt for the following Friday will be handed out every Friday afternoon.

Informal spelling tests will take place every Friday morning based on the 10 words children have been practising that week.

Every four weeks, children will complete a spelling test of 10 words which will incorporate any spellings from the previous 4 weeks' sets of spellings.