

Important dates and Celebrations:

Friday	26 th February	Purim (Jewish)
Monday	1 st March	St. David's Day
Thursday	4 th March	World Book Day
Thursday	11 th March	Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)
Thursday	11 th March	Isra and Mi'raj (Muslim)
Sunday	14 th March	Mothering Sunday
Wednesday	17 th March	St Patrick's Day
Sunday	28 th March	Palm Sunday
Sunday	28 th March	First day of Passover (Jewish)
Sunday	28 th March	Daylight Saving Time starts
Monday	29 th March	Holi (Hindu)
Thursday	1 st April	Maundy Thursday – End of term
Friday	2 nd April	Good Friday
Sunday	4 th April	Easter Sunday



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

RISE UP



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so proud of everything you achieved last half term . We hope you are particularly proud of the progress you made in maths. We miss you all and are very much looking forward to having you all back with us soon.

This half term we are looking at the ancient Kingdom of Benin and getting to explore its rich and interesting history. We are looking forward to finding out about the Edo people and their lives.

Keep up the good work! Ms O'Connor

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Spring 2 2021

Maths

We start with statistics, learn about measurement and perimeter, then end with fractions. Please help your child by talking about halves, quarters and thirds whenever you get the chance.

Reading

We are continuing learning how myths and traditional tales are put together as we study some more Anansi stories. Then we'll be looking at the different ways that non fiction texts are structured. Finally we'll be looking at figurative language as we read *The Silver Swan* and *The Wreck of the Zanzibar*.

Science

We are looking at Forces, particularly magnetism this half term. We also continue our journey towards being accurate scientists as we learn how to devise, carry out and record a fair test.

Music

This half term, all pupils will be diving deeper into the elements of music. Year 3 will be learning to read and write music notation. They will eventually be able to compose and perform their own melodies on tuned percussion instruments.

Writing

This term the children will be learning to write in both past and present tense, also consolidating the use of suffixes -ed and -ing. They will be making reference to texts used in reading and history to ensure fluency and accessibility for home learning and learning in school. The children will also be exploring myths and legends in reading, which they will be using to create their own Anansi stories. Following this, the children will be exploring figurative language in reading which we will be using to create our own poems through the use of imaginative similes and metaphors.

This half term in Year 3...

History and Geography

This term the children will be learning about the Kingdom of Benin, how it became an empire, the lives of the Edo people and the Obas who ruled. They will be able to locate and identify the geographical changes in the Ancient kingdom of Benin and Benin today. Children will consider the importance of artefacts such as the Benin Bronzes.

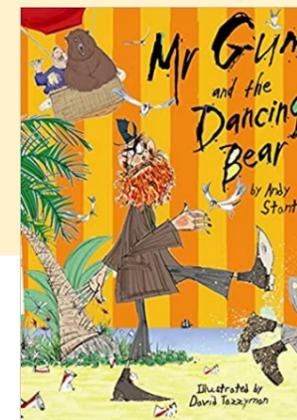
Art

We are looking at the beautiful traditional weaving of Benin, dyed with natural plants, like indigo. We are also learning about a modern weaver, Daniel Harris, who has a loom at Canning Town in East London.

Religious Education

As we are fast approaching Easter, the children will be learning about the Christian celebration of Easter, investigating the question "Who is the most important person in the Easter story?" Through doing so, the children will learn about Judas' betrayal of Jesus and Peter's denial. The children will continue to be encouraged to ask questions and make links to their lives today.

We are reading:



Just a reminder...



Can you please check your child's clothes regularly to ensure they are labelled so they are easily identifiable.