

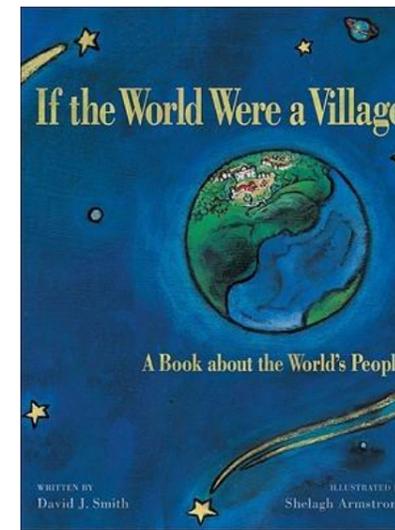
## Important dates and Celebrations:

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



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

**RISE UP**



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great return to the Spring Term; online lessons are running ever so smoothly and children in school are maximizing on their learning potential. Thank you for all your support and patience during our transition to online classes, I know we are now looking forward to returning to some sense of normality, especially within education. We are especially proud of all of our children at SJB, as they have worked incredibly hard during these difficult times. Over this half term we will continue to develop their key skills as well as building up their resilience and emotional well being. As usual, please continue to support your children's learning at home by completing Reading Plus and TTRockstars daily.

We look forward to a little sunshine, lots hard work and finally having all the children back in class!

Mr Lancaster

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## Maths

For Maths lessons, year 6 will be focusing on areas where the teachers feel the childrens need is the greatest. There will be revision of areas previously covered, such as: fractions, formal multiplication and long division, whilst some children will go further to develop their understanding of more challenging concepts like algebra. Over this half term, there will be a greater focus on developing the childrens ability apply their learning and solve reasoning problems.

## Writing

In writing, we will start off by producing an information text on a country of our choice to tie into the work we are doing in Geography. After that, we will be planning a thrilling piece of narrative to entertain the reader concentrating on describing characters, setting and atmosphere. Finally, we will publish a newspaper linked to our science work on forces. We shall also create a piece of writing to celebrate World Book Day.

## Computing

In computing, we will looking at the power of the internet and social media in advertising. We will create our own advertisement through planning and storyboarding, then shoot it, edit it and finally produce a final cut to show off our directing skills.

## Reading

In reading this half term, children will be starting a new text called: 'Black and British; A short, essential history'. We will use this text to continue to develop a range of comprehension skills, with a continued focus on inference and deduction. Additionally, during each lesson we will continue to improve reading fluency as well as building on their understanding of difficult vocabulary.

## Science

In science this half of term, we will be looking at forces. We will explore the difference between forces that push us and forces that pull us including water and air resistance, friction and gravity. What keeps us stuck to the surface of Earth and why do feathers and bricks fall at the same speed in space?

## Music

Year 6 will be focusing on performance as they delve into what makes a great musician. They will learn about well known musicians and have the opportunity to copy their styles. The next generation of musicians could be right here in SJB!

# This half term in Year 6...

## History and Geography

In Geography, we will be exploring the idea that if the world was a village of 100 people, what would it be like as we consider what humans need to survive. We will be looking at different countries around the world and investigating key aspects of physical and human geography. We will also explore global development goals to try and assess their relative importance to our lives.

## Religious Education

Our Big Question this term is, "How does the festival of Easter offer hope?" We will explore what Christians believe about Easter and will study the Jesus's journey to the Cross leading to the Resurrection. We will explore issues such as forgiveness to understand hope as part of God's plan for salvation.

## We are reading:

In class we are reading the text 'Skeleton Keys', written by Guy Bass. This is a text looking at creativity and imagination, which the children have really enaged with and enjoyed reading. This goes a long way to nurture childrens love for reading.

## Art/D&T

During this half term, children will completing an exciting D&T project where they investigate where most of our food comes from. After completing their research, they will design and plan to create their own pizza!

Just a reminder...



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

