

Important dates and Celebrations:

Saturday 12th June – Queen's Birthday
Sunday 20th June – Father's Day
Monday 21st June – June Solstice
Tuesday 22nd June – Windrush Day
Thursday 24th June – St John the Baptist Day
Sunday 18th July – Tisha B'Av (Jewish)
Tuesday 20th July – Eid-ul Adha (Muslim)
Friday 23rd July – End of term



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

RISE UP



Green World

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. It is our last half term this academic year and I would first like to thank you for working with and welcoming me to SJB. The children continue to make progress and are almost ready for year 3 thanks to their determination and enthusiasm to learn.

This half term our topic is Green World. Through this topic, the children will be learning about society but consider the wider natural world. Through Science, Geography and History we will be learning about the impact humans have had and are having on our planet. We are learning about sustainability and how to conserve our planet – especially animals.

I am really looking forward to seeing how children are influenced by this topic by the choices they make to help sustain our planet. As always, please remain safe and get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. I cannot wait to meet those of you that I have not already.

Kindest,
Miss Olusanya

Summer 2 2021

RISE UP

Maths

This term, we will start by looking at unit and non unit fractions. We will also learn about length and height and how to answer questions about them using the four operations.

Through position and direction, we will learn how to describe movement, turns and make patterns. The children will also have the opportunity to learn about time before practicing their problems solving skills.

Writing

The children have become very descriptive in their writing. They are applying all they have learnt and this term, we will be practicing how to continually use the grammatical features we have learnt such as conjunctions, expanded noun phrases and adverbs. to improve our writing.

Every week, the children will also be given a spelling list to practice in order to improve their spellings.

Computing

In computing, we will be zoologists collecting data about bugs. The children go on a bug hunt, recording and identifying the small animals they find. They will then organise the data they have collected, record it using Microsoft Excel.

Reading

This term our core text is Oliver and the Seawigs. We will use this text and a range of others to further develop our comprehension skills with a focus on literal questions and inferential questions.

In addition to this we will use these texts to improve our writing by looking at how the writers use some grammatical features such as punctuation, adverbs and expanded noun phrases.

Science

Our topic this term is still Animals. We will be learning to classify them by their features and what they eat. We will learn about food chains and the part we as humans have in them as well as their life cycles to see how we all develop over time.

Music

This half term Year 2 will be getting ready for their summer performances. They will also be continuing with their keyboard skills, learning how to identify different notes on a keyboard.

Religious Education

Our Big Question this term is 'Why do Christians make and keep promises before God?' We will learn about what it means to be part of God's community and how baptism contributes to this. Looking at Jesus's baptism, we will look at what happens when we are baptised, explore the symbols of baptism and find out what they mean. With promises being our focus, we will also be looking at marriage and the vows made.

We are reading:

In class we are reading 'Oliver and the Seawigs, written by Philip Reeve. This is a book filled with adventure and the children really enjoy it. As always, I am excited for how books like this encourage their imagination and how it translates in their writing.

This half term in Year 2...

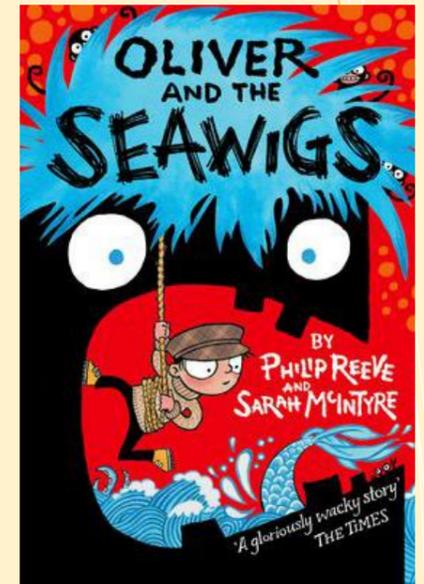
History and Geography

With our topic being 'Green World', we will be learning about the four countries in the UK – their names, location and how to identify them by their characteristics. The children will also learn about the world's continents and where they are located.

Finally, the children will learn about seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK and compare that to other parts of the world. They will investigate forecasts and using a world map figure out what it means to be closer to or further away from the equator.

Art

During this half term, children will be learning about sculpture. They will look at the work of Jeff Koons and Ben Enwonwu to understand that sculptures can be made in different ways and with different materials. In class, the children will have the opportunity to create their own sculptures of animals we have been focusing on in Science.



Just a reminder...



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

Please ensure that your child is wearing their P.E. kit on **Tuesday only** for their lesson.