

## Important dates and Celebrations:

Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Yom Kippur	Jewish holiday
<b>Friday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<b>Jeans for Genes</b>	<b>£1 donation</b>
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> Sep	First day of Sukkot	Jewish holiday
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	September Equinox	
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Hoshana Rabbah	Jewish holiday
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Shemini Atzeret	Jewish holiday
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Simchat Torah	Jewish holiday
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Feast of St Francis of Assisi	Christian
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Navaratri	Hindu Holiday
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Dussehra	Hindu Holiday
<b>Monday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Half term holiday</b>	



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

**RISE UP**

**UNDERGROUND**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We welcome you back from your summer vacation. We hope you have enjoyed the sun and found a short vacation, a day or two of safe travel! We are all happy to go back to school and also happy to welcome the children! I certainly hope to learn more about Elm and discover their hidden interests and talents. We have some interesting and exciting learning opportunities that I think the children will enjoy, such as the invention of the torch as part of our "London Underground" unit. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to schedule a meeting!

Thank you,  
Miss James, Muna & Michelle

**Autumn 1 2021**

**RISE UP**

## Maths

We will begin the year recapping and consolidating the children's knowledge surrounding place value. Children will always be given opportunities to explore what they have learnt in different contexts such as puzzles or word problems, where they need to think outside the box and think logically and systematically. The children will also have the opportunity to develop their understanding of Roman numerals and ideas around where place value developed in history. Practising times tables and number bonds will be ongoing and children will enjoy lots of fun and frequent activities to ensure they know these important maths facts, such as songs, games in class, TTRS and Hit the Button and 'good old chanting!'

## Writing

For writing, we will be exploring a variety of different written styles. We will begin by researching and creating information texts focused on sea creatures. We will then become story writers as we discover an underground world full of mystery and suspense. Furthermore, we will through the joys of David Attenborough's narrative style create a film script! Each week, lessons will have a grammar focus, such as fronted adverbials.

## Computing

Wikipedia is an online encyclopaedia that anyone can edit. In computing, we will create our own mini Wikipedia as a class about The London Underground, with different children creating the content for different pages. We will then go on to add or amend content to Wikipedia itself.

## Reading

The children will work in class to support their reading progress. We will work on our phonics knowledge, fluency and understanding skills, whilst reading a variety of engaging texts throughout the term. We will use dictionaries to look up the meaning of unfamiliar words, and apply our growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes. The children will also have lots of reading opportunities throughout the week, including independent sessions in small groups, whole class reading comprehension lessons, individual reading to an adult and whole class quiet reading where children can lose themselves in a book!

## Science

An exploration into electricity. We will be going underground in this topic will need a torch to light their way! We will look at constructing simple circuits and learn about working safely with electricity.

## Music

This half term the children will be learning about written music. They will learn how to draw different types of notes to create their own melodies and rhythms.

# This half term in Year

## Religious Education

For RE, we will discuss and question, how belief in God affected people's' actions in the Old Testament. We will also explore and debate the impact it has had on Christians today. Additionally, the children will begin to express their own ideas and begin to suggest reasons for the similar and different beliefs which people hold, and explain how religious sources are used to provide answers to important questions about life and morality.

## History and Geography

An investigation into the street beneath our feet. We will venture beneath the city to investigate all that lies beneath London. This is a unit that spans both human and physical geography looking at both the urban area around us and the physical make-up of the land beneath our feet.

## Art

We will be looking at both the mediums of print and collage. Pupils will explore the different designs used for fabric on London buses and the London underground. They will collect and present their ideas in a collage moving onto designing their own print.

## 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.

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