

Important dates and Celebrations:

Wednesday	5 th January	Twelfth Night	
Thursday	6 th January	Epiphany	
Friday	7 th January	Orthodox Christmas Day	
Wednesday	12 th January	Live St Johns Church Service	
Friday	14 th January	Orthodox New Year	
Saturday	15 th January	Martin Luther King Jr birthday	
Sunday	16 th January	World Religion Day	
Monday	17 th January	Tu B'Shevat (Arbor Day)	Jewish holiday
		Martin Luther King Jr Day	
Tuesday	25 th January	Burns Night	Scottish local observance
Thursday	27 th January	Holocaust Memorial Day	
Friday	28 th January – 4 th February	National Storytelling Week	
Tuesday	1 st February	Chinese New Year	
Thursday	3 rd February	UNICEF Day for Change	
Monday	7 th February – 13 th February	Children's Mental Health Week	
Tuesday	8 th February	Safer Internet Day	
Monday	14 th February	Valentine's Day	
Thursday	18 th February	Random Acts of Kindness Day	



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

RISE UP



Dear Parents and Carers,
I hope you had a relaxing Christmas break. Welcome to the start of another busy and exciting half term. In Writing and History, we will be focusing on early British history this term – the Iron Age, the Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We'll be studying fractions in Maths, Sikhism in RE and looking at how different materials are used in Science. Our Reading will focus on a variety of shorter texts, fiction, poetry and non-fiction, and of course the children will also be developing their skills in Art, Music, Spanish and PE. In Computing, we will continue to focus on safety and coding. We had such an amazing Autumn Term, and we're looking forward to more of the same in 2022.

Kind regards,
Lucas and Taylah



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Maths

We will begin by looking at area and perimeter, then move on to multiplication and division and then studying fractions. We will look at equivalent fractions, improper fractions, and begin to compare and order different fractions.

Writing

We will begin by looking at the story 'Sun Horse Moon Horse' as we discover persuasive language and hone our performance and oracy skills in a live debate. Next, we will study the text 'Beowulf' looking at figurative language, simile and metaphor, assonance and alliteration. Finally, we will explore the book 'Norse Myths' by Kevin Crossley-Holland, focusing on descriptive language in our retelling of the myth of Balder.

Computing

We will be exploring Islamic Art using Scratch to produce geometric shapes and patterns.

Reading

In Reading, we will be looking at a wide variety of texts to challenge the children and help improve their fluency reading and comprehension skills. This term, we will be reading:

Quakes, floods and other disasters. This is a non-fiction text about natural disasters across the world and we will be working on retrieving facts and information and improving our ability to skim read.

The Highwayman. A dramatic and tragic poem about life in 18th Century England.

St. George and the Dragon. A modern retelling of the famous legend.

Greek myths. A graphic novel re-telling of some of the most well-known Greek myths.



This half term in Year 5...

History and Geography

Our main topic this term will be the invaders and settlers of early British history. Beginning in the Iron Age, we will move on to explore the influence of the Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. Learning to use primary sources, we will study the impact these cultures still have upon our lives in Britain today.

PE

In school, in 'Tag Rugby', children will learn the skills needed to play both defensively and offensively as a tag rugby player. The children will learn how to catch and throw while both stationary and on the move. They will develop their skills of tagging and sidestepping as well as making tactical decisions about when to make passes and tags. They will also learn the skill of intercepting, following the offside rule.

Science

In Science this half term, we will be looking at how different materials behave. Exploring solids, liquids and gases, we will look at how they change states and the processes used to separate them such as filtration and evaporation.

Music

Year 5 will be looking into the life and music of the black British composer Samuel Coleridge-Taylor. They will use music technology to begin creating songs in his style.

Religious Education

In R.E. we will be studying the Sikh Religion, looking at the sacred symbols and rituals, the Sikh holy book and places of worship. We will look at how they show their faith and explore the role that Guru Nanak played in establishing the religion. We will also learn about the characteristics of ritual in general and its importance in our lives.

Art

In DT, we will look at the story of chocolate and how it is traded around the world before designing our own food packaging. We will also recreate the art of the Celtic peoples in Iron Age Britain.

Just a reminder...



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

Any questions or queries, please contact the office in the first instance.

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

