

## Curriculum Overview

### Autumn 1 2023

#### Elm Tree Class

Dear families,

A warm welcome back to the start of a new year at SJB! The children are back in school with a great amount of excitement about the year ahead. Hopefully, the children will not find the transition to Year 4 to be overwhelming and we will build slowly on concepts that they have already learnt making cross-curricular links to help consolidate their learning.

In Year 4, it is very important that the children really start to become secure in their knowledge of their times tables so we would kindly ask you to support your children practising their times tables every day on TT Rock Stars.

If you have any questions, please do come and ask and I look forward to working with you all this year!

*Miss Shuhed*



#### **Important information:**

- Please ensure all your children's clothing is labelled clearly with their name.
- Please consider booking non-emergency appointments out of school time to avoid missed learning.
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## Key dates

A colorful infographic titled 'Important dates for: Autumn First Half Term 2023' with a date range of '06.09.23 - 20.10.23'. The background is light blue with autumn leaves. It lists several events in orange boxes with dates in red circles. The events include: '22nd September: Jeans for Genes Day' (Children wear jeans and bring £1 for charity); 'September & October: Meet the Teacher sessions' (at 8:45 - 9:45am) with a table of dates for Years 4, 5, and 2; '27th September 8:45am: MacMillan's World's biggest Coffee Morning' (invite parents to bring a cake); '3rd October 8:45am: Parent's Coffee morning: Learning to read (Phonics) in Reception'; '11th October 8:45am: Parent's Coffee morning: Learning to read (Phonics) in Year 1 and 2'; '18th October 8:45am: Parent's Coffee morning: Online Safety Meeting'; and '20th October: Last Day of Half term' (School ends @3:30pm).

**06.09.23 - 20.10.23**

**Important dates for:  
Autumn First  
Half Term 2023**

**22nd September** **Jeans for Genes Day**  
Children wear Jeans and bring £1 for charity!  
(School jumper and shoes as normal)

**September & October** **Meet the Teacher sessions (at 8:45 - 9:45am)**

Monday 25th September - Year 4	Tuesday 26th September - Year 5
Friday 29th September - Year 5	Monday 2nd October - Year 1
Wednesday 4th October - Year 2	Monday 9th October - Year 2

**27th September 8:45am** **MacMillan's World's biggest Coffee Morning**  
We invite parents to bring a cake and join with other parents for a lovely morning of coffee and chat as we raise money for MacMillan.

**3rd October 8:45am** **Parent's Coffee morning:**  
Learning to read (Phonics) in Reception  
We will be exploring how children in Reception are learning to read and how you can support at home.

**11th October 8:45am** **Parent's Coffee morning:**  
Learning to read (Phonics) in Year 1 and 2  
We will be exploring how children in year 1 and 2 are learning to read and how you can support at home.

**18th October 8:45am** **Parent's Coffee morning:**  
Online Safety Meeting  
Exploring the current risks, understanding age restrictions and top tips and tips to stay safe.

**20th October** **Last Day of Half term**  
School ends @3:30pm

### *Reading*

The children will work in class to support their reading progress. We will work on developing phonics knowledge, fluency and comprehension skills, whilst reading a variety of engaging texts throughout the term. The children will also have many reading opportunities throughout the week, including partner-reading sessions, small group sessions and whole class reading comprehension lessons. The children will regularly read 1:1 reading with an adult and every day, we will enjoy a class reader book!

### *RE*

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 similarities and differences in beliefs, which people hold. We will also explain how religious sources are used to provide answers to important questions about life and morality.

### *Computing*

In Computing, we will be exploring the Scratch programming language in order to code a simple quiz where the children can create their own questions.

### *PE days*

PE this term is on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Please ensure children come to school in the correct PE uniform.

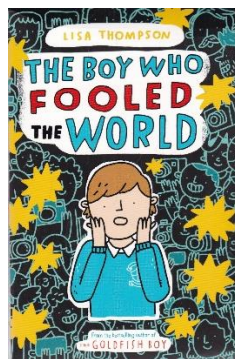
### *Writing*

In writing, we will explore a variety of different written styles and genres linked to our main topic for the half term. We will start writing a piece of fantasy narrative as we discover an underground world full of mystery and suspense. After that, we will write a letter to London Underground about some property which we have lost and have to retrace our steps around London. Each week, lessons will have a grammar focus, such as fronted adverbials.



*This half term in  
Year 4 we are  
thinking, learning  
and remembering...*

*Our class reader this half term is...*



### *Maths*

This year, we are switching to a new maths curriculum designed to develop the children's problem solving and reasoning skills whilst still ensuring that they are able to work fluently and accurately. We will work continue to work with concrete materials and pictorial representations of sums to support children's learning as well as moving the children towards being able to think about sums and numbers without (working abstractly).

### *History / Geography*

We will be carrying out an investigation into what lies beneath the city! 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. This term, we hope to make visits to the London Transport Museum and the hidden Roman temple of Mithras!

### *Science*

This half of term, we will be learning about electricity from where it comes from, how it is generated and what it is used for. We will be constructing simple circuits and learning about how to work safely with electricity.

