

Curriculum Overview

Autumn 1 2023

Chestnut Tree Class

Dear families,

It is such a delight to welcome you and your children back to SJB! The children have returned with such enthusiasm from an exciting summer break.

As we embark on a journey of exciting learning opportunities, the children have already begun to show their keen attitude to learning, through making links across the curriculum, to establishing routines.

Moving into Year 5, we continue to encourage the children to reach the highest of their potential and build their confidence and independence as young learners.

Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Miss James



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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.

Key dates

A colorful poster with a blue background and autumn leaves. It lists key dates for the Autumn First Half Term 2023, from 06.09.23 to 20.10.23. The dates are listed in orange boxes with a white background. The SJB logo is in the top left corner.

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 6
Friday 29th September - Year 5 Monday 2nd October - Year 1
Wednesday 4th October - Year 2 Monday 9th October - Year 3

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 hints and tips to stay safe.

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

Reading

We are going to start the year by reading a range of novels and short texts that focus on the theme of 'going on an inspiring journey.' We will be expanding our knowledge of summarising and evaluating text and the impact the text has on the audience. We will explore a variety of vocabulary, learning their meanings and how to appropriately incorporate them into their writing.

RE

In RE, we begin the year delving into Christianity, asking the Big Question; "What do the miracles tell us about Jesus?". With this question, we begin to explore and analyse bible scriptures of recorded miracles in the Bible. The children are encouraged to express their own ideas, ask questions and discuss different points.

Computing

During our computing unit this half of term, we will be looking at how to develop a computer game using the Scratch programming language. Scratch is a great way for children to learn how to code and immediately see the result! Students will learn to debug their coding when obstacles and issues arise.

PE days

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

Writing

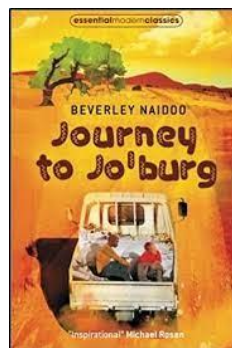
In writing, our learning will be linked to our main topic, 'Hackney's Windrush', where we will be exploring different writing styles, genres and purposes. We will begin with creating an informative piece of writing, which will be developed through our research and investigations into our main topic of the Windrush generation. Throughout this term, we aim to create pieces of writing to; inform, entertain, persuade and describe. Each week, we will also be incorporating a grammar skill which will be showcased in the children's writing.



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*This half term in
Year 5 we are
thinking, learning
and remembering...*

Our class reader this half term is...



Maths

This term we are introducing 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. To start, we will be starting with revisiting place value to ensure the children have a solid understanding of this fundamental concept, including tenths. The children will expand their knowledge of fractions and decimals by making connections between tenths and '0.1'. After this, we will focus on adding and subtracting.

History / Geography

This term will consider the history of multiculturalism in the UK and the Windrush generation's migration from the Caribbean. Students will focus on the legacy of Windrush in Hackney, and the life of chosen members of the Windrush generation. We will locate our learning on maps, create vivid timelines and discover the lives of those people living through the Windrush.

Science

Students will explore and analyse the Windrush generation from baby to pensioner, considering how we age and the stages of life. Excitingly, this unit will include an interview with one or more members of the Windrush Generation to capture the true experiences from factual stories and memories.

