

Curriculum Overview

Autumn 1 2023

Plum Tree Class

Dear families,

Welcome back to another exciting year at SJB! We have had an excellent start to the school year with many learning opportunities and fun activities already being planned for our new cohort of year sixers! We are looking forward to all of the exciting opportunities that this, your child's final year of primary school, will bring.

Please ensure children complete 20 minutes of Reading Plus and 10 minutes Doodle Maths/TT Rockstars daily, and complete any additional homework on time.

We will be swimming this half term, so please ensure students are coming to school every Wednesday with the appropriate items.

Your continued support will be vital in ensuring your child makes good progress to their maximum potential. I am very excited to continue working with the same students as last year, as I am already aware of the amazing growth and potential each and every child conveys!

Yours in Education,

Mr Robinson



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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. At the top, it says '06.09.23 - 20.10.23' and 'Important dates for: Autumn First Half Term 2023'. Below this, there are several orange and red boxes containing event details.

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

In reading we will be getting up-to-date with facts and information by focusing on Infopedia 2024, with a focus on skimming and scanning a text for answers. We will also read Pig Heart Boy and use inference skills, as well as texts from the civil rights movement.

Writing

We will be writing narratives and accounts based on the word collector and Henry's Freedom Box. We will look at the life of Harriet Tubman and create a biography on her. Across these lessons, our grammar focuses will include: relative clauses; subordinate and co-ordinating conjunctions; parenthesis; colons and tenses.

Maths

In maths we will explore Bar Models and how this can be used to great effect to solve a variety of word problems. We will focus on the four main operations: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and division.

RE

In R.E. we will be looking at how the Christian message has been spread for the last 2000 years. We will look at Jesus' and his disciples' roles in spreading this message and compare equivalencies to the modern day.



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*This half term in
Year 6 we are
thinking, learning
and remembering...*

History / Geography

We shall be answering the question 'Why did people in Hackney give up sugar' by learning about the Transatlantic Slave Trade. We shall be mapping out which countries were involved, what experiences people had in this historical time and how Hackney has changed from the period of the Slave Trade.

Science

We will explore how nutrients and water are transported around the body, and learn about the impact of diet, lifestyle, drugs and exercise on the way the body functions.

PE days

PE this term is on **Fridays** with swimming on **Wednesdays**. Please ensure children come to school in the correct PE uniform.

Our class reader this half term is...

