



# St James' CE Junior School

## Parent Information Sheet, Spring Term 1 - Year 5 & 6



### English

This half term pupils are 'writing to entertain' with a particular focus on writing a narrative. Our writing will be linked closely to our topic on WW2 and pupils will be writing a narrative. Y6 will a focus on characterising speech, about surviving an air raid. Y5 are using symbolism, and figurative language to write WW2 poetry.

### Science Light

Through a combination of research and practical investigations, during this unit we will explore:

- How we see
- Light & straight lines
- Shadow formation
- Refraction

### History

This half term, pupils will be learning about World War 2. We will explore:

- Why did Britain have to go to war in 1939?
- Why was it necessary for children to be evacuated and what was evacuation really like?
- How was Britain able to stand firm against the German threat?
- How did people manage to carry on normal life during the war and how do we know?
- Why is it so difficult to be sure what life on the Home Front was really like?
- Why did Germany lose the Battle of Britain?

### PE

### Gymnastic Sequences

### Computing

- Explain that codes can be used for a number of different reasons and de-code messages.
- Explain how to ensure a password is secure and how this works.
- Create a simple website with information about Bletchley Park including the need to build electronic thinking machines solve cipher codes.
- Explain the importance of historical figures and their contribution towards computer science.
- Present information about their historical figure.

### PSHE Citizenship

In this topic, we will be looking at:

- Human rights
- Food choices and the environments
- Caring for other
- Prejudice & discrimination
- Valuing diversity
- National democracy

### RE

Our Christian Value this half term is Endurance. In RE we are looking at what it is like being a Muslim in British society.

### Mathematics

#### Y5

Multiplication & division, fractions, decimals & percentages

#### Y6

Ratio, algebra, decimals and arithmetic revision.

### Music

This half term, we are looking at South and West African. Pupils will be learning to Sing using the correct pronunciation and with increasing confidence. Play a chord with two notes, remaining in time. Maintain their part in a performance with accuracy. Play the more complicated rhythms in time and with rests. Create an eight beat break and play this in the correct place.

### Art—Drawing "Make My Voice Heard"

Create expressively in our own personal style and in response to a choice of stimulus, showing the ability to develop artwork independently. Combine materials and techniques appropriate to fit with ideas.

### French— In my French house

- Understand the French words for different types of houses and their rooms, ask and answer questions using vocabulary about houses and rooms, remember and understand the elements of a house and family, use a writing frame to create a written description of their house, label things in a bedroom and use the related vocabulary in simple sentences.