



Year 3 & 4
St James' CE Junior School
Parent Information Sheet, Autumn 1st half 2025



English

We will be starting the year with a unit of work called 'The Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar'. Within this unit we will be developing children's foundations for writing and ensuring they all have the skills needed to become competent writers.

Computing

Collaborative learning is our focus this term. Children will learn how software can be used to work online collaboratively and understand how to contribute to someone else's work effectively.

RE—Islam

What does Islam teach Muslims about their lives?
Our Christian value this half term is 'Friendship'
The Paralyse Man—Mark 2: 1-12
We will celebrate harvest

PE

This half term our PE will be based on the topic of 'Invaders'.

History—The Roman Empire

Children will spend time studying the rise of the Roman Empire. Within this unit children will look at what it was like to live in Rome and the invasion of Britain as well as recap the Iron Age and Celtic Britain.

Other areas of study will include:

- Who were the Romans?
- How did the Romans invade Britain?
- Who resisted the Roman invasion?
- How did Britain change under Roman rule?

Design Technology

Children will select appropriate equipment and materials to build a working pneumatic system. They will assemble their pneumatic system.

Music

Body and tuned percussion is our focus. During this unit children will identify the structure of a piece of music and play a sequence correctly.

PSHE

Families and relationships is our focus this half term.

Maths

This half term we will be looking at:

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction

Children are encouraged to practise multiplication facts regularly. Times Tables Rock stars is a good way of doing so.

Science—Rocks

This half term the children will be studying rocks. Areas of study will include:

- How are rocks formed?
- What types of rock are there?
- Can rocks change?
- How can we test if rocks are limestone or chalk?
- Is soil just dirt? What makes soil?
- How are fossils formed?

French

Children will spend time this half term studying common greetings, classroom instructions, items within the classroom and colours.