



St James' CE Junior School

Parent Information Sheet, Autumn Term 1- Year 5 & 6



English

PVGP (place value for grammar and punctuation)

We're starting this half term with a focus on securing the fundamentals of writing sentences by teaching a 4 week unit on the 'Place Value of Grammar and Punctuation'. The purpose of this is to ensure that children are fully secure in understanding how sentences are constructed and punctuated and will then be able to apply this knowledge to their written work.

We will follow this up with some non-chronological report writing for pupils to apply their learning.

Science Electricity

- What is electricity and how does it work?
- What are components in a series circuit?
- What are the effects and consequences of changing circuit components and batteries?

There will also be a Strong Start lesson on recognising and controlling variables

History Ancient Greece

- Lesson 1: Who were the Ancient Greeks and when did they rule?
- Lesson 2: What beliefs did the Ancient Greeks hold?
- Lesson 3: Why was theatre important to the Greeks?
- Lesson 4: What myths and fables did the Ancient Greeks write?
- Lesson 5: Why were the Olympic games invented by the Ancient Greeks?

Computing Coding with Python

Tinkering with a new piece of software.
Know and use nested loops.
Know basic Python commands.
Use loops when programming.
Know about the use of random numbers.

PE

Football and Netball

PSHE

Family and Relationships

Know about respect and why it is important.
Understand how we treat others is how we expect to be treated.
Explore attitudes and ideas.
Understand and share information on stereotypes.
Resolve disputes and conflict through negotiation and compromise.
Understand the process of grief and emotions related to it.

RE

Incarnation: Was Jesus the messiah?

We will be looking at the Old Testament and the situation towards the end of this period, what a messiah is, why people believe Jesus to be the messiah before thinking about a modern day messiah and what qualities they would need to help the world in the 21st century.

Music

Composition Notation

- Sing with accuracy and fluency
- Explore and use different forms of notation
- Understand note length
- Read simple pitch notation
- Write a piece of music

Mathematics

Year 5 & Year 6

Place value & Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division

Design Technology

Cooking and nutrition— Developing a recipe

Describe the process of beef production.
Research a traditional recipe and make changes to it.
Add nutritional value to a recipe by selecting ingredients.
Design a label.
Prepare a version of bolognese sauce.

French— Local places

By the end of this unit, pupils will know: places in a town, directions and compass points.

They will be able to: say where they are going, ask and give directions, read and interpret directions, ask where someone is going and name the four cardinal points.

