



St James' CE Junior School Year 3 & 4 Parent Information Sheet, Spring 1st half 2026



English

Our focus in English this half term is setting descriptions. This will be based on the rainforest and our model text 'Lost Jungle City'. We will focus on our descriptive writing including expanded noun phrases, similes and cliff-hanger endings. Our weekly reading, punctuation and grammar focus will continue.

RE

Endurance

The widow who never gave up (Luke 18:1-8). We will also focus on the story of Creation and the ways in which our world is wonderful.

French

Introductions and questions

At the end of this unit children should be able to ask someone their name and age and answer the questions about themselves. They will also be able to express their mood and feelings.

PE

Gymnastics

Identify and practise body shapes, add movement and create routines working both collaboratively and independently.

Geography

Why are rainforests important to us?

During this unit of work the children will be learning:

- What a biome is and examples of biomes.
- The location and key features of the Amazon Rainforest.
- The names of the four layers of Tropical Rainforests.
- How trees adapt to living in the rainforest.
- Reasons why the Amazon Rainforest is important.
- example of how humans are having a negative impact on the Amazon and an action that can be taken to help.

Computing—HTML

To develop knowledge of HTML in a webpage and use the knowledge edit text and pictures.

DT

Digital design is the focus for this half term. We will consider the use of computer aided programming and create a timer focused on a mindful moment. We will analyse existing designs, design our timer with a product user in mind, create a prototype and program our timer using a Micro: Bit.

Maths

In numeracy this half term we will be looking at:

- Multiplication and division
- Length and perimeter

Science

- What are contact forces?
- How do surfaces affect the motion of an object?
- How does friction affect moving objects?
- How do magnets attract and repel?
- Which materials are magnetic?

Music

Adapting and transposing motifs

PSHE

Citizenship is our focus for this half term. We will consider human rights and different ways we can care for our environment.