



St James' CE Junior School Year 3 & 4
Parent Information Sheet, Spring 2nd half 2026



English

In English this half term we will be using the book 'Escape from Pompeii' as our focus. The story will inspire the children to write in a range of genres, including detailed setting descriptions, letters of advice written in role, vivid recounts of the eruption and, finally, a newspaper report using journalistic features.

RE—Salvation

Pupils will explore salvation, learning why Christians believe Jesus' death and resurrection bring hope, and why Good Friday is described as 'good' as Jesus sacrificed himself to save humanity.

French—Working Together

Children will learn how to use please and thank you correctly and they will develop their use of nouns and verbs.

PE—Brilliant ball skills & Gym fit circuits

Children will develop throwing and catching as well as dribbling skills and use these in a game situation. Children will also develop agility, balance and coordination.

Science—Light

Pupils will study light including:

- Exploring how we see
- How shadows are formed
- How light is reflected from surfaces.

Geography

Why do people live near volcanoes?

During this unit of work the children will be learning:

- How the Earth is constructed.
- Where mountains are found.
- Why and where we get volcanoes
- What the effects of a volcanic eruption are.
- What earthquakes are and why we get them.

Computing—Programming—Scratch

Children will learn that Scratch is a coding application. They will use coding blocks to create animations and remix existing projects.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be learning about;

- Length and perimeter
- Fractions

We continue to encourage regular practise of multiplication facts.

Art—Light and Dark

This is a painting unit and it will give the children opportunity to: explore tints and shades, three dimensions, painting techniques, composition and still life art.

PSHE—Health and wellbeing

In PSHE we will consider looking after our teeth, relaxation techniques, celebrating mistakes, our emotions and mental health

Music—Samba and Carnival sounds

Children will learn what Samba music is and where it comes from and they will develop their own Samba style rhythms.