



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



English

Children will explore *The Story of Tutankhamun* by Patricia Cleveland-Peck, learning about the discovery of the young pharaoh's tomb and life in Ancient Egypt. Through the text, pupils will develop reading and writing skills by sequencing events, writing descriptions, and creating non-fiction pieces. They will build their understanding of historical events while expanding vocabulary and confidence in writing for different purposes.

Computing—Further coding—Scratch

Children will further develop their knowledge of Scratch to design, build and evaluate a game

French—Playing together

Children will learn the vocabulary for different sports and how to use them in context.

PE—Active athletics and fitness frenzy

This half term the children will develop a range of athletics skills including running, jumping and throwing and they will complete aerobic based circuits.

Science

The children will be learning about plants, focusing on the different parts of a plant and their functions. They will explore what plants need to grow, how leaves help plants make food, how water is transported through the plant, and understand what a flower is and its role.

History

Children will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians, exploring early civilisations and their achievements. They will learn who the Egyptians were and where they lived, and the importance of the River Nile and how it supported daily life. Children will also study the New Kingdom and its accomplishments, discover how the Egyptians wrote using hieroglyphs, and explore their beliefs and way of life.

RE—Incarnation

In this unit, children learn that Christians believe in one God as the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They explore the story of Jesus' baptism, what baptism means, and how it is practised today. Pupils also learn how Christians use the Bible, prayer, art, and music to understand and express their beliefs about God..

Maths

In Maths we will be learning about;

- Measurement
- Fractions
- Money
- Decimals
- Time

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Children will be using their the knowledge of the Ancient Egyptians to designing and create an electronic poster. Using simple circuits, they will bring their work to life with a lightbulb

PSHE—Safety and the changing body

In PSHE we will be looking at age restrictions for different activities, awareness of sharing online, First aid relating to asthma, consuming online information and growing up.

Music—Changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics

This unit will focus on singing and will be based on the theme of rivers