

St. James - Summer 1 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable time with your families. As we begin Summer 1 term, we have an exciting few weeks ahead packed with creativity, curiosity, and hands-on learning across the curriculum.

We are especially looking forward to our Flag Fen trip during the first week, which will give children the chance to explore life in the Bronze Age and complete our learning from last term. More details will be sent separately.

Below is an overview of what your child will be learning in Year 3 this half term.

English

This term, we will continue strengthening children's confidence in both fiction and non-fiction writing. Our focus will be on:

- planning and sequencing ideas effectively
- choosing adventurous vocabulary
- creating well-structured pieces of writing

Whenever possible, writing tasks will link to our wider curriculum, helping children make meaningful connections in their learning. High-quality texts will also support pupils in developing both their language choices and stamina.



History - The Commonwealth

In History, we will explore the Commonwealth—what it is, why it exists, and how countries are connected through it. Children will investigate its history, shared values, and cultural diversity, developing a deeper understanding of global communities and their relevance in modern life.



Maths - Fractions, Time, and Money

Our Maths learning will cover three key areas:

Fractions

- unit and non-unit fractions



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- identifying fractions of shapes and quantities
- understanding equal parts

Time

- telling the time to the nearest minute
- Understanding am/pm
- analogue and digital clocks

Money

- recognising coins and notes
- converting amounts
- solving real-life problems involving totals and change



These practical topics help children build confidence using maths in real-world situations.



Science - Animals Including Humans: Skeletons

Our Science topic focuses on skeletons. Children will learn:

- the three main types of skeletons
- the names and functions of key bones
- how skeletons support, protect, and enable movement

Practical investigations will also help pupils develop their scientific enquiry skills.

Art - Indian Art

This half term, children will explore the rich and vibrant traditions found in Indian art. They will study patterns, symbols, and designs and use these as inspiration to create their own artwork using a range of materials and techniques.



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RE - Do Christians Have to Believe in God as Trinity?

In RE, our big question will be:

“Do Christians Have to Believe in God as Trinity?”

Children will explore:

- what Christians mean by Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- why the Trinity is important for many Christians
- different ways Christians describe God

The aim is to help pupils reflect, compare ideas, and develop respectful understanding of different beliefs.

PSHE - Safety (Fire, Water, Bike & Road Safety)

This half term focuses on keeping safe in different environments. Children will learn about:

- fire safety
- water safety
- bike safety, including helmets and visibility
- road safety and safe crossing

These lessons provide essential lifelong safety skills.



PE

In PE, children will continue developing coordination, control, fitness, and teamwork through a variety of activities.

Please ensure your child has a fully-labelled PE kit in school each week.

Reading

Children who read at least three times on separate days will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize in assembly.

Please help by signing reading records and ensuring they come to school every day.



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Homework

Homework is set weekly and should be returned every Thursday morning.

Children who hand it in on time will earn 2 dojo points.

Sumdog remains available for maths practice; logins are in reading records.

Communication

Class Dojo messaging has now been replaced by Bromcom/MCAS.

For queries, please contact us via MCAS or by calling the school office on 01205 460547.

Dojo will continue to be used for behaviour and homework points.

Personal Belongings

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Unnamed items are very difficult to return.

We look forward to a happy, creative, and engaging half-term ahead.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Osbourne and Mrs Griffin

