

St Clement & St James CE Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 10 January 2020



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Every Tuesday until 31st March—Y4 swimming lessons.

Please make sure your child has their swimming kit.

Wed 15 Jan— 2.50pm Y1 poetry assembly

Wed 22 Jan—2.50pm Y3 poetry assembly

Thur 28 Jan— Y3 trip to the British Museum

Wed 29 Jan—2.50pm Y2 poetry assembly

Tues 4 Feb—Y4 trip to the British Museum

Wed 12 Feb—2.50pm Y4 poetry assembly

Wed 26 Feb—2.50pm Y5 poetry assembly

Wed 11 Mar—2.50pm Y6 poetry assembly

Thur 16 Mar— 'Our School Favourites' lunch day

Happy New Year

We hope you all enjoyed a lovely break and had a good rest. We would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your lovely cards and gifts given to staff at the end of term- we are truly appreciative of your kindness and generosity.

Book Club week

Every half term this year we are going to be having a 'Book Club week' with the simple aim of developing the children's love of reading. Research from sources like the ReadingAgency.org would suggest that nationally, only 35% of 10 year olds 'love reading'. We're not sure that necessarily reflects the children at SCSJ but one thing we do know, is that reading for pleasure and developing a real enthusiasm for books can be a wonderful experience.

At the start of every day next week the children will be talking about books with their teachers, recommending books to each other, reading new books, illustrating and sharing their own favourite books, looking through our class libraries carefully and exploring new genres or authors that they hadn't come across before. If we can get a passion for reading started at school, we hope this will continue at home too. You never know, the children might even turn off the various 'screens' early and read a bit more! Research also tells us that those children who read regularly at home will actually achieve higher standards across the whole curriculum; such is the power of being a good reader. We want to end the myth that reading is purely for school English lessons. It's not just for learning new words or so that the children do well in their SATs. It's much more important than all of those.

We hope that by finding the right book, for the right child at the right time, we could help kick-start a life long love of reading.

Top Table

These children have shown good manners at lunchtime and will be a guest on Top Table next week

Year 1	Shalom
Year 2	Johnny
Year 3	Ryan
Year 4	Ira
Year 5	Eden
Year 6	Daniel

This week's Learning Leaders

These children have consistently demonstrated Learning Leader attributes this week

Year 1	Mamoud
Year 2	Youssef
Year 3	Meer
Year 4	Glorianne
Year 5	Isaiah
Year 6	JC

Angel of the week: Amir from Y2

Amir is a wonderful member of our school community who follows our Christian Values. Amir has been extra courteous and is trying really hard with his reading.

Well done Amir we are all so proud of you!



Attendance and Punctuality (on time/late)


	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	89.4%	94.8%	89.2%	99%	96.7%	96.8%	94.5%
Lates	1	3	7	3	3	9	3

Year 3 had the highest attendance this week with 99%. Well done Y3!

Well done to Reception with only one late this week.

This term's learning

Below are small copies of some of the **Knowledge Organisers** we are sending home this term. Our teachers have been busy creating these documents for History, Geography and Science and by sending them home we hope that parents will find time to discuss these with your children. A larger copy will be in your child's book bag soon, with an overview of this term's theme, so keep an eye out for them. Please read them carefully; stick them up on the wall or fridge; perhaps carry out some research together; go to the library etc and encourage your child to talk about what they have learned. All this talk about their learning will really help embed new vocabulary and ensure the children retain the information in their long-term memories. We hope you'll find them really helpful.




The United Kingdom


Year One and Two Geography Weather

Weather is a **physical process** that happens in the Earth's atmosphere


Certain types of weather are more likely to be found across the four seasons




Spring



Summer




Autumn




Winter


Main Weather Found in the United Kingdom




sunshine




partly cloudy




cloudy




rain



snow



wind



thunderstorms

Using weather symbols is a technique that geographers use

Key vocabulary

frequently	regularly
represented	shown
symbols	pictures or signs used instead of words
physical processes	a series of things that happen naturally
atmosphere	the layer of gases that surround the Earth
technique	a method of doing something
climate	the weather in a place over time
weather	what it is like outside, for example, the sun shining, rainy or windy

Wear winter coats

It's been really cold at playtimes this week so please make sure your children have a warm coat at school. It's probably going to get even colder soon, so gloves and hats are always a good idea too. Thin hoodies are not enough to keep the children warm, especially at lunchtimes when the children can be outside for up to an hour.

Bless our school

Father Sam visited us on Thursday this week for a blessing of our school. He also talked to the children about the three wise men's visit to the baby Jesus and the importance of the Epiphany in the Christian calendar. Thank you Father Sam.

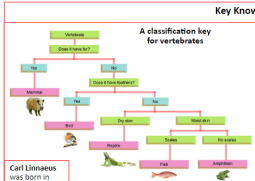
Attendance

Please remember that we cannot authorise the absences of any children returning late to school from holidays abroad. It's absolutely crucial that children are in school and learning, so please do all you can to support us with this.

Years three and four science Living things

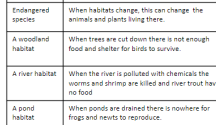
Key Knowledge

A classification key for vertebrates



Carl Linnaeus was born in 1707 in Sweden. He was the first person to work out how to name living things by splitting them into groups using a key.

A pond habitat



Key vocabulary

classify	To group things together based on what they have in common
classification key	A map showing how things are grouped (see vertebrates key)
conservation	Looking after the environment
adapted	When an animal or plant is exactly right for the place it lives
environment	The natural surroundings in which we live
habitat	The place where living things live eg in a wood or pond
micro-habitat	A very small area where a living thing lives eg in a tree
preserve	Keep something the same so it does not change
reproduce	When living things have offspring
species	A group of animals or plants who are very similar and able to breed with each other
excrete	The waste products animals produce eg when humans go to the toilet they produce urine
extinct	When there are no more of a living species left on the earth eg dinosaurs

Year Five and Six Geography South America

Key Knowledge

How many countries are there in South America?

What language is spoken in South America?

What are some of the famous landmarks of South America?

What is the largest country in South America?

What different landscapes are there in South America?

What are some of the famous landmarks of South America?

What is a grid reference?

What is the difference between a four-figure grid reference and a six-figure grid reference?

Key vocabulary

population	All the inhabitants of a particular place
topographic	Relating to the physical features of an area (seen on maps) eg rivers, hills
subduction	The movement of one tectonic plate below another
seismic	Relating to earthquakes
grid reference	A method of locating a point on a map
climate	The general weather conditions that are typical of a place
indigenous	Native to a country
colony	A country occupied by another country
tributary	A river that flows into another river
hemisphere	A half of a sphere



**Special School Lunch Day:
Thursday 16th January 2020**

Our Favourite School Lunch: £2.50

- Minced beef and nachos or
- Mac and cheese
- Chocolate cake or
- Ice lolly

If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like to have a school lunch on this day, please book one by Monday 13th January.

See Lisa in the school office and pay £2.50 cash