

St James C of E Academy

Year 6

Spring Newsletter 2026



Happy New Year! We hope you have had a wonderful and relaxing Christmas break.

For Year 6, this term is incredibly busy. There will be lots of preparation for the Key Stage 2 statutory tests including booster classes that your child may be invited to attend. We ask that you encourage your child to attend these sessions as they are there to support their learning.

We have a wonderful trip planned to visit Coventry Cathedral where the children will take part in the 'Blitz Experience'. This is a fascinating insight into what happened on the night of November 14th 1940 and the days surrounding it. We know the children will thoroughly enjoy this and gain so much understanding and knowledge.

We do appreciate that family lives are busy but Home Learning, is really important to consolidate learning and to

prepare for high school. We will continue to set timetables and spelling homework. The children are required to read at least three times a week and that records are signed and handed in on a Monday morning. We also set written homework which should take no longer than 20 minutes.

If you have any concerns or queries, please telephone the school or email using the Year 6 address: YR6@stjames.covmat.org or contact us via class dojo.

Notices

PE

This term, both classes will take part in PE on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Your child will need to arrive in school wearing their PE kit on these days.

Please ensure your child wears trainers not pumps since these will be more comfortable and supportive to their feet and that any ear piercings are removed following the uniform policy of the school.

Homework

Weekly Times Table Rockstar and Spelling Shed homework is set Friday—Thursday but can be brought into school earlier if completed. New spellings will then be issued for the week ahead. Written homework will be due in of a Wednesday.

Reading records will be checked on Monday morning, Please make sure that the reading record is signed by an adult. As a minimum, you should be hearing your child read 3 times a week.

Thank you.

English	Maths
We will continue to use exciting texts to hook the children. Across the term children will write for a range of purposes and audiences. We will be developing our own style of writing and using a range of literary devices to make our writing exciting. We will also focus on grammatical concepts such as tenses, passive and active voice, subordination and relative clauses. Our first text is Hitler Stole my Pink Rabbit. The children will then read Goodnight Mr Tom.	In maths this term we will be focussing on multiplying, dividing, adding and subtracting decimals We will look at the link between fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also consolidate our understanding of converting units of measurements, ratio and algebra. During this term we will continue with our weekly arithmetic tests as well as a focus on reasoning and problem solving. The children will need to continue to practise and learn their times tables.
Science	History/Geography
First we will learn about light. We will look more closely at light and how it behaves. We will learn that light is the visible part of a spectrum of energy. Children will be reminded that some surfaces reflect light, some allow it to pass through them and some block it. We will then focus on Electricity children will use symbols to represent components of a circuit They will learn about the importance of switches for conserving energy and for safety reasons.	During the first half term, we will study The Rise of Hitler. We will look at who he was and how he became the leader of the Nazi Party. We will link this back to WW1. The children will then move on to learn about WW2. In Geography, we will focus on South America and then we will look at Africa and learn about desertification and what it means to be 'food secure'.
Arts	RE
During this half term will focus on appreciating the art of William Morris. The children start by looking at Morris' wallpaper designs, learning that these were stylized forms based on nature. They will then have a go at designing their own.	As a Church School, the children will receive an RE, lesson every week. We will reinforce the Christian Ethos through whole school worship time. We will have a focus on, How might your worldview impact on the way you understand death and beyond?