



We are a 'light in the darkness', living life to the full, worshipping and working so that everyone may flourish and achieve their God-given potential.



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<b>Term</b>	3		

Year 6 have come back after Christmas raring to go! They are already working hard in class picking up where we left off in December. We have lots of intervention groups up and running, which the children are really embracing. We will have a round of Mock SATs during the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> January. We have Parents' Evening shortly after that (10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Feb) where I would be happy to discuss results. Please use the following email address should you need to contact us: [year.six@sjm.academy](mailto:year.six@sjm.academy)

### Main Areas of Learning to be covered

- **English:** We will continue our daily reading lessons focussing on comprehension skills and using the text to support our answers with evidence. In writing, we will be creating a balanced argument discussing mobile phone use in children. We will also be exploring newspaper articles and the features and style of journalistic writing in order to write our own reports.
- **Maths:** In maths, we will be finishing off our fractions work and moving on to decimals and percentages (and looking at how all three of these are linked). We will also begin to look at ratio. We will continue with arithmetic practice most days (10 questions) to recap all of the skills learnt earlier in the year including addition, subtraction, long multiplication and long division.
- **Science:** In Science we are learning about evolution and inheritance. First we will learn a little about the fossil record and Darwin's discoveries of natural selection, and then we will move on to characteristics of living things and how they are passed on to offspring.
- **RE:** Our key question this term is 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain?' We will be exploring what Muslims believe and how they put this into practice in today's world.
- **Music:** We will be continuing to learn the recorder! Last year the children learned four notes: B, A, G and E. We will practise these and move on to learning high C and D. We will also learn how to read these notes using written music which includes simple rhythm notation. This skill can be transferred to learning lots of other instruments.
- **Art:** Our topic is all about looking at meaning and symbolism in art. We will be looking at artists communicate meaning through their work and explore how we can do the same using our own symbols and representations.



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- PE: We will be working on netball/basketball skills on the playground and fitness in the hall.
- Geography: In Geography, our topic is all about Earthquakes! We will be studying the causes of earthquakes, where in the world they happen and the impact of them on these areas. We will also be looking at what people in earthquake zones can do to prepare.
- Spanish: We will be learning about different Spanish speaking countries around the world, where they are, what their capital is and about the different festivals that are celebrated there.
- PSHE: Our topic is 'Dreams and Goals'. We will be thinking about personal goals for the short term (end of primary school) and long term (when I grow up). We will also be thinking about the wider world and what we can do to support others.
- Computing: We have a new programme called 'Purple Mash' which the children will be introduced to. Once they are familiar with it and have created their own avatars, they will be working on 3D modelling software.

#### Homework

- 1 x 40 min (approx) task per week set on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday. This will alternate between online tasks and paper based tasks. These will generally be old SATs papers to practise.
- Optional creative tasks – a list will be sent out each term. Children can do as many as they like at any point during the term or the holiday. They don't have to do any of them.
- Aim for 20 mins of reading per day. Reading records to be collected in and checked on a Friday. House points for anyone managing to read 4 or more times per week.
- Spellings will be sent home on a Monday to practise at home. There will be a test at the end of each term to check that the words have been retained.

#### Christian Value

Each term we will focus on a different school value. This term, our whole school value is Generosity. Throughout the term, we will explore this value in our classrooms and during whole school collective worship.

Each Friday we will continue to present our **Light Awards** to children who have been showing our school values in action. Please see our term 3 Values Flyer for more information.