



# Southam St James CE Academy

## Year 3

Spring Term 2025

Date: January 2025

Class: 3

Class teacher:

**Mrs Russell**

Teaching assistants:

**Mrs Steels (Mon-Thurs AM)**

## Things to remember:

Pencil Cases -

Please see stationery list in homework books.

PE - Friday

Please send children to school wearing their PE kit suitable for the weather on these days. We will be outside as much as possible.

Swimming - Wednesday PM

Please ensure children have a coat in school on this day, regardless of the weather, and a healthy snack for after.

Reading books -

Reading books will be sent home from school. Children are expected to read to an adult 3 times a week.

Home Learning -

Books will be sent home on a Thursday and handed back in on a Wednesday.

Water Bottles -

Should be sent in every day, water only. Please do not send in bottles of water or Prime bottles. Water can be refilled using the classroom tap at break and lunch time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email, or drop me a message on Class Dojo. My email address is [Leanne.Russell@southamstjames.covmat.org](mailto:Leanne.Russell@southamstjames.covmat.org)

### ENGLISH

This term, we will be using our key texts, *The Rhythm of the Rain* by Grahame Baker-Smith, *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare (Usborne adaptation), and *Jemmy Button* by Alix Barzelay to support our work in English lessons, where we will be focusing on:

- Information
- Dramatization
- Narration
- Letter writing

Within this, our grammar focus will include:

- Use of the forms 'a' or 'an'
- Present perfect form of verbs
- Fronted adverbials to express time, place, and cause
- Consolidating basic punctuation and using commas, inverted commas
- Using conjunctions and subordination
- Understanding word families

In Reading lessons, we will be using *The Boy who stole the Pharaoh's lunch* and *Asha and the Spirit Bird*. In these sessions we will focus on reading and comprehension skills.

You can help your child by:

- **Reading with your child for 10-15 minutes at least three times a week.**
- **Encouraging your child to read for pleasure.**
- **Learning spellings when they are sent home.**

### Foundation Subjects

In Spring 1, we will begin our learning all about the Ancient Greeks. In Art, we will be looking at Art in Ancient Egypt, and Rocks in Science. Our new RE curriculum will see us exploring *How are religion and worldviews shaped and expressed through art and architecture?* Our French unit this term is Food, Glorious Food, and we will be studying Dance in PE.

After half term, our Geography learning will focus on Rivers. In Art, we will be looking at Anglo-Saxon Art, and Forces and Magnets in Science. In RE, we will be exploring *Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?* In French, we will move on to our Family and Friends unit, and in PE, we will be learning Handball.

### MATHS

This term, we will be concentrating on:

- Multiplication and Division
- Length and Perimeter
- Fractions
- Mass and Capacity



We will begin the term by learning more about numbers and how they are made - place value. We will be ordering, rounding, and comparing them before moving on to addition first, followed by subtraction. We'll finish the term by visiting each of the times tables and their associated divisions. Throughout this, children will be learning to reason with number and solve problems.

You can help your child by:

- **Encouraging regular times tables practise using Times Tables Rock Stars.**
- **Helping your child to learn their maths target facts - 5-10 minutes every day is ideal.**
- **Encouraging your child to tell the time.**
- **Asking your child how they found an answer, or to explain how they know an answer to be correct/incorrect.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and are ready to hit the ground running this term! Mrs Adams will be covering my PPA this half term and will be taking the class swimming on Wednesday afternoons (please sign up if you are available to support with walking to and from the pool).

I would like to emphasise the importance of reading regularly at home, and practising spellings and times tables. This will help children to achieve their targets in school.

Many thanks,  
Leanne Russell

