

# Welcome to Middle School



# Weekly Timetable

	8.30 - 9.00	9.05- 9.30	9.30 - 10.30	10.30	10.45	11.00 - 12.00		Lunch 12 - 1pm Y3/4 12.30 - 1.30pm Y5/6	1.30 - 2.30	2.30 - 3	3 - 3.25
Mon	Sensory Circuits SaLT IEP Target Work	Guided Reading & Phonics	Rainbow Maths & Maths	Assembly	Break	English		Library	PDL/Computing	OT and interventions	Story  Star of the day
Tues		Guided Reading & Phonics	Rainbow Maths & Maths			English		Spelling	Life Skills Yr 4 Games	OT and interventions	
Weds		Assembly,	Guided Reading & Phonics	Rainbow Maths & Maths		English		RE	Topic Yr 6 Games	OT and interventions	
Thurs		Guided Reading & Phonics	Rainbow Maths & Maths	Assembly		Co-ordination Skills	English SPAG	Handwriting	Topic Yr 3 Games	OT and interventions	
Fri		Freedom Friday Reading	Rainbow Maths & Maths			English		Spelling	Life Skills Yr 5 Games	Privilege Time	

# English Curriculum

English is taught daily within Middle School. English lessons are focussed around a particular book, with a wide range of genres and writing outcomes being covered over the course of the year. Where possible we do try to link out English books to our topic.

Guided Reading gives the children the opportunity to unpick and discuss a wide range of rich and engaging texts while developing the skills to be a confident, fluent reader.

Phonics is taught at the same time as guided reading for those that require it, following the Read Write Inc scheme.

On a Friday, all classes have a reading for pleasure 'Freedom Friday' session where they are able to choose any book to either share with a friend or read independently. The children also have the opportunity for book talk in these sessions. We believe freedom of choice and peer recommendations play an important role in reading for pleasure.



English



Phonics

# Reading at SFJS

We are committed to helping children to become confident and competent readers who regularly read for pleasure. As well as a carefully planned curriculum, there are many other things we do to promote a positive reading culture at SFJS.

- Celebrate World Book Day
- Book tasting sessions
- Masked Reader activities
- Reading challenges and readathons
- Author visits
- Local library visits
- Provide up to date reading lists and information on our website
- Use the Boom Reader app to track and celebrate the home reading of all pupils
- Bronze, silver and gold bookmark challenge
- Pleasure for reading assemblies
- Freedom Friday, reading for pleasure sessions
- Reading ambassadors

It is the expectation that all children read at home and record it, on Boomreader (or a reading record), at least 4 times a week.



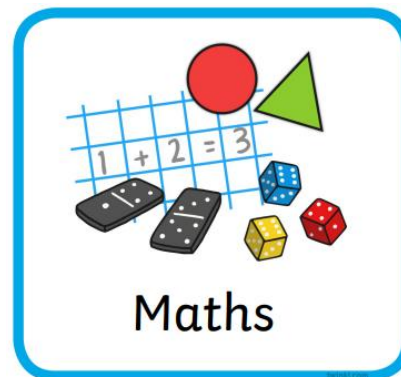
<https://go-read.co.uk/>

# Maths Curriculum

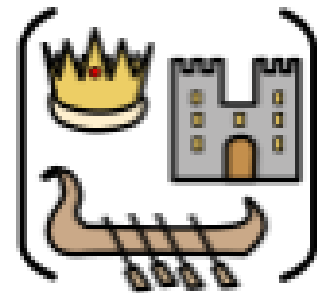
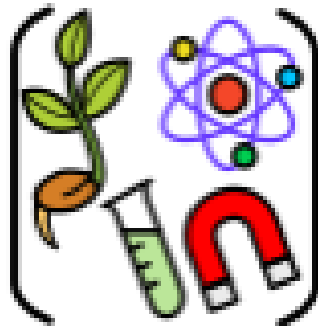


Maths is taught daily. We have adopted a mastery approach to teaching maths and use concrete, pictorial and abstract representations to help children explore, demonstrate and deepen their mathematical understanding.

A typical maths lesson will provide the opportunity for all children to work through fluency, reasoning and problem solving activities.




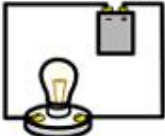




## Middle School Class Page


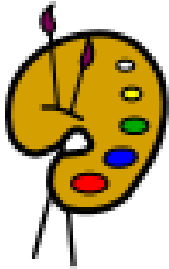

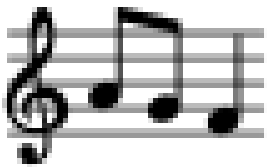


Topics

2024 – 2025

Autumn 1	<p>All About Me &amp; Life Cycles</p> 
Autumn 2	<p>Mountains, Volcanoes &amp; Earthquakes</p> 
Spring 1	<p>Vikings</p> 
Spring 2	<p>Electricity</p> 
Summer 1	<p>Rivers &amp; Oceans</p> 
Summer 2	<p>Rocks and Soils (Evolution)</p> 

alongside year group peers. Please see the relevant year group page for further information.







# Homework at SFJS

The homework expectation at SFJS is that all children:

- read and record their reading (using Boomreader or a reading record book if requested) 4 times a week
- practise their times tables ([Times Tables Rockstars](#))
- Spellings

Additional, **voluntary** homework tasks relating to the wider curriculum may also be set.

All homework will be set on google classroom. If you need paper copies, please contact your child's class teacher.



HOMEWORK

# Trips/visits!

Children take part in their year group enrichment activities!

Year 3 - Butser Farm & Swimming

Year 4 - Nile Shakers & Wisley

Year 5 - Viking workshop & cinema

Year 6 - McBeth workshop & Harry Potter



# Contacting your child's class teacher.

There will be occasions when you will need to contact your child's class teacher.

The most efficient way to do this is to contact the school office, either via email on [middleschool@sfjs.org.uk](mailto:middleschool@sfjs.org.uk) or by phone.

There are members of the Senior Leadership Team on the front gate and park gate and Mrs Best on the Grove gate, every morning. SLT and all available teaching staff, wait at the three gates at the end of every school day. Please do speak to us if you need to let us know anything.

Please refrain from using google classroom to make contact with your class teacher.

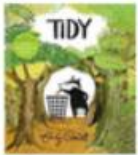


# Autumn 1 Overview

## English

This half term we will be looking at a story most of the children already know, the very hungry caterpillar. We will join in with predictable phrases, act out and retell the story before creating our own writing based on this story.

We will also be exploring the story of Tidy and thinking about how we can create pieces of writing that will persuade others to take care of their surroundings.



## Maths

This half term we will be focusing on place value, counting and number formation. We will also be working on our times tables.

## Science

Our topic this half term is science based and we will be looking at life cycles. We will explore the lifecycles of a range of creatures and will investigate how things grow and change over time.



## Autumn 1

All About Me & Life Cycles



## Computing

For computing this half term, we will be focussing on e-safety and what we can do to make sure we are safe online.



## RE

This half term everyone will be learning about belonging. We will be discussing the what the word means, how we show our belonging to our families and other groups and finally exploring how the word relates to a range of religions.

## PDL

For PDL this half term, we will be looking at friendships and what we can do to make sure we are being a friend to all. We will also be discussing our rights and looking at the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.(UNCRC)

## PE, Games, Art, DT and Music

Children integrate with mainstream link classes for these subjects. Information can be found on the year group pages.

