

Reading

Children will be continuing to read common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound. Children will be learning to develop their comprehension skills by read a range of texts. We continue to expect children to read with an adult at home five times a week. Please make a note of this in your child's reading record. Children will be learning to identify and read a range of words containing the common suffixes in the Year Two Curriculum. Please encourage your child to use www.oxfordowl.co.uk.

Writing

This assessment period our literacy will focus on *Steve Backshall's Deadly 60*, *The Snail and the Whale*, *Katie Morag's Island Stories* and *We're going on a Bear Hunt*. As our topic is "Underwater World" there will be many writing opportunities linked to this. Children will be working on using a range of both coordinating and subordinating conjunctions to improve the quality of their writing. We will be building on their understanding of vocabulary (adjectives, verbs and adverbs) choices in order to make their writing more interesting for the reader. Children will also be learning about features of information texts. There will be a focus on handwriting this term. Any opportunities for children to write, and practise their best handwriting at home, will benefit them.

Mathematics

This assessment period we will be looking at: sequences, place value, estimation, money, time, fractions, addition and subtraction. Please encourage your child to count objects greater than 20. It is crucial that children gain an understanding of the relative size of numbers.

We also recommend you buy your child a watch and begin referring to this throughout the day as time can be a difficult concept for children to grasp without prior exposure. Please take opportunities to estimate during the day. For example, how long will it take to....? How many.....? The mathematical experiences children have at home are of great value.

We encourage children to use the Bond Builder section on www.numbergym.co.uk

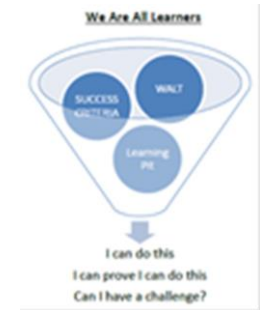
Science

We will be learning about the basic needs of animals and their offspring. Children will learn to identify and name a variety of animals in their habitats. They will describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.

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Design & Technology

During design and technology lessons, children will be learning to design, make and evaluate an underwater habitat. Children will need to bring in a shoebox for this. They will also learn to select from and use a range of tools and equipment.

Computing

Children will be learning to develop research skills through searching for information on the internet. They will learn to use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private and identifying where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content on the internet.

Geography / History

In Geography, we will be naming and locating the world's continents and oceans. We will be using aerial images and other models to create simple plans and maps, using symbols.

For history we will look at the lives of significant individuals including Ernest Shackleton and Grace Darling.

Clubs

Look out for clubs advertised in the school newsletter. Our website www.st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk and Twitter feed @SJG_News give more information and upcoming events.

Physical Education

Our PE lessons will focus on football skills particularly maintaining control of the ball, shooting, passing and turning with the ball. We will also learn some hockey skills, for example how to hold the hockey stick, how to keep control and change direction.

Please make sure earrings are removed for class PE days.

Claudius – Tuesday and Friday

Romans – Monday and Thursday

Mercury – Wednesday and Thursday

Home Learning

Spellings will be given out on a Friday and tested the subsequent Friday. Children are expected to read **at least** five times every week.

Understanding the Arts

Children will learn to understand the geographical origin of the music and in which era it was composed. They will experience finding a pulse, clapping a rhythm and the use of pitch. Children will learn to play the accompanying instrumental parts working together as an ensemble.

In art we will be learning to mix and apply paint in a controlled manner and to develop accuracy in cutting and gluing skills. Children will begin to use layering techniques, and develop awareness of how this can give different effects to the final composition in terms of colour, shape, texture and form.

Religious Understanding

We will be learning about special places linking this to the children's personal experience. We will focus on Christianity and Judaism.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

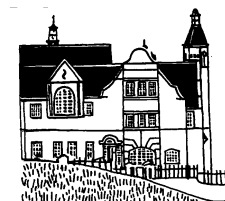
In Jigsaw lessons, we will learn about our rights and responsibilities both within school and the wider community and to recognise and celebrate differences.

We are out on the playground at the beginning and end of the school day. If you would like a longer discussion with us please make an appointment at the school office. There are regular Open Mornings and Open School Afternoons for you to experience parts of the school day at both our sites.

Year 2 Curriculum Leaflet

for Assessment Period 1 - September 2017

St John's Green Primary School



Learn to Live, Live to Learn

Teachers: Miss Kerr, Miss Brumpton and Miss Wiggins

Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Simmonds, Mrs Gustafson, Mr Kelly and Mrs Pidathala

Theme: Underwater World

Our Core Values:

Be Happy

Care for yourself and one another

Be Inquisitive – ask questions

Don't give up – Persevere

Be Successful

Always try to do your Best