

Reading

We expect children to read 5 times a week at home and have their reading record signed by a parent. Historically, we know that children who meet this expectation make accelerated progress. As well as fiction books it also important that children read non-fiction books and articles as well. When reading with your children please encourage them to ask what words might mean that they are not sure of and use a dictionary to find out the meaning. As well as reading with you children it is also important to ask them about the plot, characters, settings and language used in the text.

Writing

The children will be looking at J.K.Rowling and her book Harry Potter and the Philosopher's stone with references to the other books in the series. We will use this book as a stimulus when accessing a range of writing such as scripts. As well as this the children will be studying recounts (UFO sightings), instructions and explanations, choral and performance poems, non-chronological reports and journalistic writing, persuasive writing and will look at Maya writing.

The children get spellings every week which also has two compulsory year 6 words. It is important that your child learns their spellings as these words may appear on their Grammar, punctuation and spelling test.

Mathematics

The children will start the assessment period looking at: 3D shapes; number, place value and negative numbers; mental addition/ subtraction; order of operations; co-ordinates, statistics and measurements; fractions/ percentages; algebra; area, perimeter & volume; ratio and percentages; shape and Maya maths and the calendar. Knowledge of times tables is absolutely crucial and your child must practise their times tables every day. Any work that your child can do at home on this will be incredibly beneficial, especially as their SATs are fast approaching. They can also use the website

<http://www.coolmath4kids.com/> to revise learning and www.numbergym.co.uk to help with number facts and times tables.

Trips and Visits

As part of our RE theme this term the children will get to visit a local church and look at the interior and exterior design.

R.E

Last assessment period, the children studied Humanism and the Hindu creation story. For this assessment period, the children will be focusing on Christianity and what it is like in the church and the last week of Jesus' life.

Design & Technology

Through DT, the children will get the chance to create a variety of models using different materials. They will get to make models of Maya lands used for farming; clay temple pyramids; they will carve a pendant and make a Maya head-dress. They will also get the chance to make their own Maya hot chocolate.

Science

The children are going to start the assessment period looking at living things and their habitats. Under this theme they will look at classification and the man behind it all. We will then study evolution and inheritance where we will study famous scientists such as Darwin, Anning and Wallace and will study inherited and environmental characteristics.

Geography / History

Part of the national curriculum is that children should be taught to describe a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history in which we are going to study the Maya civilization c. AD 900. The children will look at where the Maya civilisation was; their Gods and beliefs; buildings and architectures; hieroglyphics and symbols used in maths. They will get opportunities to make a variety of objects and will also get the chance to eat some Maya food and hot chocolate.

Practice Practise time will continue to take place where the children get to practise skills taught that day and week. However, your child still needs to practise their spellings and timetables every day. I will set some projects that your child can complete at home around the current topic that term. In addition to this, the children need to go on [numbergym](http://www.numbergym.co.uk) to help embed number facts.

I will be out on the playground at the beginning and end of the school day. If you would like a longer discussion with the teacher 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.

Computing

As well as in class use of laptops and iPads, the children will be learning to program using a program called Kodu.

Languages

In Year 6, children will be continuing to learn Spanish.

Physical Education

After Christmas P.E days will change. P.E will be on a Monday (squash) and Tuesday (dodgeball & basketball). Please make sure your child has a full PE kit labelled in a PE bag to keep at school on their peg. Through these sports, the children will learn skills such as being able to combine a range of techniques in and be able to work alone and as part of a team. Coming this assessment period will also be sponsored dodgeball competition where we will be raising money for the British Heart Foundation.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

Our Core Values are on display around the school and we encourage our school community of pupils, parents, staff, governors and visitors to live these values.

The children will be having weekly PSHE lessons and have got targets that will change termly. Their targets for this assessment period are:

- Find things to do that give energy;
- Have fun working hard;
- Understand techniques and methods that aid concentration;
- Find ways to push past doubts, fears, or a drop in motivation even in challenging circumstances;
- Know which ideas are useful and have value;
- Seek the opinion of others to help identify improvements;
- Describe and understand others' points of view.
- Stick at an activity even in the most challenging of circumstances.

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.

Year 6 Curriculum Leaflet

Assessment Period 2

St John's Green Primary School



Learn to Live, Live to Learn

Teacher: Miss Pickard

Learning Support Assistant: Mrs Ranson

Theme: Maya Civilisation

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