



St John's Green Primary School



Learn to Live, Live to Learn

Reading

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. Reading for pleasure is crucial. It is important that you create an environment that fosters and promotes a love of reading. We will be continuing to embed and develop comprehension skills including predicting events. We will look at the skills of reading words with common suffixes and building fluency. We will be visiting Colchester Library too.

Writing

This assessment period our literacy will focus on Man on the Moon. As our topic is "Up in the Sky!" there will be many writing opportunities linked to this. For example, we will be writing instructions for building a rocket and doing some persuasive writing for visiting the moon. Also, we will write our own fantasy stories including a retelling of the story of Wall-E.

Mathematics

This assessment period, we will be building on a fluency and reasoning skills in number and place value, addition and subtraction, money, fractions, weight and time, multiplication and division, capacity and data, 3D shapes and time.

Please encourage your child to use www.numbergym.co.uk. Your child should already have their login, but if it has been misplaced, please just ask the class teacher.

Science

We will be learning to identify and compare the suitability of everyday materials for particular uses (wood, metal, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard). We will compare how things move on different surfaces and record findings.

Design & Technology

During design and technology lessons, we will design, make and evaluate our own rockets.

Art

We will be creating simple sculptures using a variety of materials. We will also be printing our own space scenes using a variety of objects and tools.

Computing

Computing sessions will focus on understanding algorithms and how they are used. We will be building on our laptop and iPad skills.

Geography / History

In history, we will be learning about the development of space travel with a focus on Tim Peake and Neil Armstrong.

We will also learn about China for Chinese New Year and be comparing China to the UK.

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.

Trips and Visits

Year 2 will have a special visit from a Mad Scientist, during which they will learn about forces and be taking part in a rocket launch. They will also receive astronaut training.

Physical Education

Our dance and gymnastics lessons will involve holding balances and learning sequences linked to space travel.

In our games lessons we will be embedding ball skills.

Practise

Spellings will be given out on a Friday and tested the subsequent Friday. If your child scores less than 6, we will provide additional time for them to practise.

Your child will also have a weekly times tables test. This will focus on the 2x, 5x, 10x and 3x tables. The maths test will also be on a Friday.

Music

Music will be linked to science with children observing and naming a variety of sound sources, noticing that we hear with our ears. We will be recognising that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound increases. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise Gustav Holst's The Planets.

Religious Education

In RE, we will be learning about special words and stories with a focus on Christianity and Judaism. Children will be given an opportunity to share their favourite story book and discuss why.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

In Jigsaw lessons, we will learn about our dreams and our goals. We will also learn about staying healthy.

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 2 – January 2018

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Learn to Live, Live to Learn

Teachers: Miss Kerr, Miss Brumpton and Miss Wiggins

Learning Support Assistants: Ms Hillier, Mrs Simmonds,
Mrs Knight and Mr Kelly

Theme: Up in the Sky!

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**