

Reading

We expect children to read five times a week at home and have their reading record signed by an adult for every read. At the end of the week children who have completed five reads are entered into a raffle for a chance to win a free book. Please use their stage books as much as possible as this will help them develop essential reading skills but do also encourage them to read other material as well to foster a love of reading. Letters and Sounds will be taught every day in school to support the development of decoding skills. We will also regularly read quality texts to the class which will include our Year 1 core books.

Writing

We will be working on developing independent writing skills to enable the children to express themselves and communicate effectively in writing. Our main focus will be developing the consistent use of secure sentence punctuation, including the use of full stops, capital letters and spaces between words which can be applied across the curriculum in all writing opportunities. Our topics will include: letter writing, recounts, fact files, poetry and story writing.

Mathematics

Children will be developing their confidence with number and calculation as well as the other areas of maths. We will be using Numicon and other concrete resources to support their learning in the classroom. Some of the varied topics that we will cover include time, 2d and 3d shape and money but we will continue to develop their number skills alongside these.

Science

Children will learn about seasonal changes. They will investigate how shadows change during the day and how the length of the day changes during the year. They will learn about the weather associated with the four seasons and, through art, will create paintings that represent the four seasons.

Trips and Visits

We will be walking around Abbey Fields to observe seasonal changes and to support our work in art, science and geography. We will also be visiting Hollytree's Museum to find out about Colchester in the past.

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Art & Design

Children will be looking at the work of artists such as Andy Warhol. They will practise and develop skills in drawing and painting. They will learn about colour mixing, finding out the effect of adding white or black to paint, creating tints and tones.

Computing

Children will have the use of laptops and iPads to learn and develop computing skills. Work in this assessment period will focus on basic skills such as logging on and typing.

Geography / History

Children will learn about the local area. They will investigate and compare the age of famous buildings in Colchester. They will use maps of the area and find out how places locally are linked. They will also consider how the immediate locality (the school) could be improved and write letters to Mr Billings to tell him about their ideas. During the assessment period we will also take the children on a local trip to Hollytree's Museum and Castle Park.

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.

Music

We will be following a music scheme of work called Charanga. Our first topic will focus on pulse, rhythm and pitch through listening to and performing hip-hop music. The second topic will develop singing skills, practising singing in tune and in unison as a group.

Physical Education

Circus class PE Days are **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Roses class PE Days are **Thursday** and **Friday**. Eagles class PE Days are **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Your child needs a full PE Kit labelled in a PE bag to keep at school on their peg. The lessons will be on ball skills, gymnastics and dance. Each week we will have two lessons.

Practice at Home

With the extension of the school day to accommodate practising skills that have been taught in class we will no longer be sending traditional homework i.e. worksheets. To support your child at home, please ensure that they are completing at least 5 reads and that they are recorded in the reading diary. They will also be bringing home spellings in the coming weeks that will also need regular practise. Finally, in the reading diaries you will find a printed page of the first 100 High Frequency Words. Children at the end of Year 1 should be able to read and spell all of these words. Little and often is the best way to achieve this.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

We will be following a scheme of work called Jigsaw throughout the school. As a school community we will all follow the same topic pattern during the year. For the first half term children will be thinking about themselves and how they fit in their world. After half term our topic will be 'Celebrating Difference'.

Religious Education

We will be following the Essex RE syllabus, ExploRE. For the first term we will be learning about and from various religions as we explore the topic of 'Special People'. We will consider what makes us special and the people who are special to us. Following this we will also learn about special people from religion such as Jesus in Christianity, Rama and Sita in Hinduism and Guru Nanak in Sikhism.

We will be out on the playground at the beginning and end of the school day. If you would like a longer discussion with your child's 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.

Year 1 Curriculum Leaflet for Assessment Period 1 – November 2015

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Learn to Live, Live to Learn

Teachers: Mrs Smith/Mr Bates/Miss Brumpton

Learning Support Assistants: Mrs King, Mrs Randall, Mrs Knight, Mrs Amos, Miss Roberts

Theme: On Our Doorstep

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