

Reading

We expect children to read five times a week at home and have their reading record signed by an adult for every read. On Friday mornings reads are counted and the 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 encourage them to read other material as well to foster a love of reading. Letters and Sounds will be taught twice a 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 continue to promote independent writing skills to enable the children to express themselves and communicate effectively in writing. We will keep our ongoing focus of developing the consistent use of secure sentence punctuation and formation and, in addition, we will develop the children's ability to write for specific purposes. Our topics in AP3 will include: instructions, recount, poetry, story writing including multicultural stories/stories from around the world and information texts

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 resources to support their learning in the classroom. We will be working on multiplication and division, addition and subtraction, shape, time and problem solving.

Science

Children will learn about animals and plants. They will learn about the characteristics of different animals and how they are grouped. They will compare humans with other animals. They will learn about and compare animal diets. They will learn how to grow plants well. They will go on nature walks and also, as part of their science learning, they will go on a trip to the zoo.

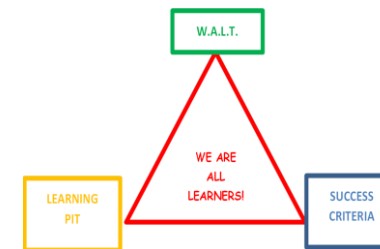
Trips and Visits

We will be visiting Colchester Library to find out about how we can borrow books and the kinds of books they have to borrow. We will also go on a coach trip to Colchester Zoo linked to our science and geography learning.

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Art & Design

Children will be developing their drawing skills, carrying out observational sketching and colouring their drawings neatly. They will experiment with printing using different materials such as hands, leaves and potatoes.

Computing

Children will continue to become more experienced with the use of computers. They will be given more opportunities to type their work, developing word processing skills. They will also be able to use the internet to find information relating to their topic and continue to learn how to use technology safely and respectfully.

Religious Education

Children will reflect on their own ideas and learn about the beliefs of others. The topic will be 'Special Things in Nature' and will include learning about creation stories and stories about animals and the natural world from Christianity, Hinduism and Islam.

Geography / History

Children will learn about the world around them. They will learn about methods of transport from the past and present; from Tudor ships to rocket ships! They will learn about the countries of the UK and the continents of the world. They will learn about the locations of hot and cold places.

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 be, 'Round and Round,' based on a Bossa Nova Latin style song. The second unit will be, 'Reflect, Rewind and Replay' where we will look back at the teaching over the course of the year and revisit key objectives.

Physical Education

Your child needs a full, labelled PE Kit in a PE bag to keep at school on their peg. It should be in school every day. The lessons in this assessment period will be on bat and ball skills and athletics. Each week we will have one lesson on bat and ball skills and a second focussing on athletics. In bat and ball lessons we will learn tennis skills. In athletics we will be practising running, jumping and throwing skills.

Practice at Home

To support your child at home, please make use of Numbergym and Purple Mash, logins are available from teachers if you need them. Numbergym is a fantastic tool to develop mental maths skills. Bondbuilder is available to purchase as an app if you wish to use it on a tablet or, there are instructions for using Numbergym on iPads on the school website. Please ensure your child is completing 5 reads and that they are recorded in the reading diary every time. In addition to this spellings are being sent home for practising. Skills like learning number bonds to 10, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, recognising coins, telling the time (o'clock and half past) and writing sentences are also useful for practising at home.

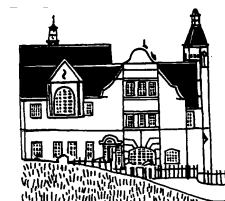
Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

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 and it will be the theme for our assemblies as well. For the first half term our unit will be 'Relationships' and for the second half term it will be 'Changing Me'.

Teachers 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 3 – March 2016

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Learn to Live, Live to Learn

Teachers: Mrs Smith, Mr Bates and Miss Brumpton

Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Palmer, Miss Amos, Miss Roberts, Mrs Knight, Mrs Randall, Mrs Cottham

Theme: Wild Wild 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