

### Reading

In class, the children will receive weekly reading comprehensions, to build their understanding of texts. We will focus on increasing their knowledge of various question types, particularly inference, summary and prediction.

At the same time this term, we will also read from the Year 3 core books; in particular, *The Magic Box* by Kit Wright. We will also look at 'A Pirate's Diary' by Richard Platt.

We expect children to be reading regularly at home and have their reading record signed by an adult each night. Overwhelming research shows that reading at home reinforces your child's learning and helps progression and automaticity.

### Writing

In the coming assessment period, we will write our own pirate stories and diaries, while also covering instructions and writing 'messages in a bottle'. We will use our research into the history of pirates to write non-chronological reports. We will also look at stories which cover general issues. Throughout, we will use shared writing to develop the children's skills in writing, spelling and grammar.

### Mathematics

During this term we will follow the National Curriculum Outcomes. We will cover place value, mental and written addition/subtraction methods, multiplication/division, fractions, measurement, time, position and direction.

We will regularly assess and change planning according to your child's needs or gaps in their knowledge.

Please also continue to encourage your child to practise their number bonds, times tables; and use the Number Gym website to further support them.

### Science

The children will be looking at magnets and forces. This will involve learning about how magnets attract and repel, have poles; and the grouping of materials that are attracted to magnets.

Throughout, we will use our scientific inquiry skills. Gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in present their findings.

### RE

We will be following the Essex RE scheme. Over this term the children will look at the places of worship of different religions.

### Music

We will be following the *Charanga* music program. The modules for this term cover 'Three Little Birds' and 'The Dragon Song'. These units will help children to effectively listen and appraise different genres of music, build performances and accompany music with classroom instruments. Music will also be covered cross curricular in assemblies and other subjects.

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### Art & Design/ D.T

This assessment period we will learn to draw using a range of media to create treasure maps. They will also create collages of pirate ships in stormy seas through focus on form and texture. Using joining techniques and knowledge of appropriate materials, children will endeavour to create Pirate boats that float. The children will develop skills involving shaping and forming various materials to create pirate jewellery.

### Computing

The children will be learning about e-safety and search engines, as well as creating online resources using the website 'Purple Mash'. The children will be taught how to stay safe online and understand the importance of precise research.

Ipads and laptops will also be used throughout the curriculum to support your child's learning, such as researching and word processing. This will take the form of independent and cooperative learning, involving compulsory and optional research areas.

### Geography / History

After last term's heavy emphasis on the history of Anglo-Saxons and Vikings – we will be mainly concentrating on geography this term, although we will look at the history of pirates. The classes will explore maps and the locality; creating their own treasure maps and looking at map symbols and coordinates.

### Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

We will continue to follow the 'Jigsaw' scheme in second term. This term we cover the units 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'. This is a whole school approach and the children will learn skills which will contribute to all aspects of school life. Our Core Values are on display around the school and we encourage our school community of pupils, parents, staff, governors and visitors to live by these values.

### Physical Education

In PE this term we will cover gymnastics and dance. During dance sessions children will learn to work as a team and to create and perform a sequence of choreographed movements inspired by the life of a pirate. In gymnastics children will have the opportunity to improve their techniques of balance, coordination and using correct form. Your child needs a full labelled PE Kit in a PE bag to keep at school on their peg.

### Languages

In Year 3, the classes will continue to learn French. The modules for this term will cover 'Animals' and 'Musical Instruments'.

### Practise work

At the end of each school day, the children will be given quarter of an hour to practice the skills they have learnt during the day.

The children are still expected to immerse themselves daily in the basics: reading, writing and numeracy at home as research has shown that work *little and often* produces very good results in these areas.

The school expectation for reading is as before; every child to read at least 5 times per week (daily would be recommended) and to be recorded and signed by someone at home by Friday Morning of each week.

Your child will still receive weekly spellings on a Wednesday to learn at home for a test the following Wednesday, these will be based on a spelling programme and from the National Curriculum.

They are also expected to revise number bonds and their times tables daily.

### Trips and Visits

This term we will visit Colchester Town Library. Here we will learn about using a library and getting out books. Prior to the visit we will send home membership forms, so that they can take a full part in the visit.

### Clubs

Look out for clubs advertised in the school newsletter. Our website [www.st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk](http://www.st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk) and Twitter feed @SJG\_News give more information and upcoming events.

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 the Town site. We also have a parents' assembly during the term. Further details will follow.

## Year 3 Curriculum Leaflet

### for Assessment Period 2 – January 2018

St John's Green Primary School



*Learn to Live, Live to Learn*

Teachers: **Miss Bailey, Miss Mitchell and Mrs O'Shea**

Learning Support Assistants: **Mrs Shah, Mr Folkard and Miss Kellet**

Theme: **A Pirate's Life for Me!**

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**