

### Reading

We expect children to read five times a week at home and have their reading record signed by an adult for every read. 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. Reads that you share e.g. as a bedtime story will also be counted towards the 5 reads. 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. Reading skills include using their phonic skills to decode new words, word recognition of tricky words, fact recall/finding facts in the texts they read and making predictions about what will happen next.

### 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: recounts, diary, information texts, instructions, 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 place value, number sequences, addition and subtraction, 2d and 3d shape, time, fractions and money.

### Science

Children will learn about seasonal changes. They will learn about the weather associated with the four seasons and how the seasons affect us. We will also learn about identifying British trees and wildflowers and about the parts of a plant. We will use skills such as observation, measuring and classifying.

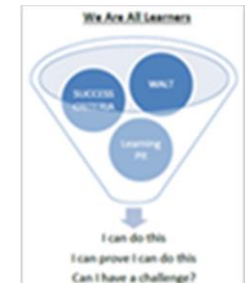
### Trips and Visits

We will be walking around Abbey Fields to observe seasonal changes and to support our work in art, science and geography. We will also visit the library to find out about how to borrow books and the kinds that are available.

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### Art & Design

Children 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. They will use printing techniques to produce artwork. They will explore ways of joining paper and card to create moving pictures.

### 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 as well as using the internet to find images and producing a talking book. Children will also be learning about keeping safe on the internet.

### 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 the geography of our local area using specific vocabulary to describe features. We will make use of local walks to find out more and give children first-hand experience of fieldwork techniques.

### 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.

### 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 **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Roses and Eagles classes' PE Days are **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Your child needs a full PE Kit labelled in a PE bag to keep at school on their peg. PE shirts should be coloured to match the school team your child belongs to. The lessons will be on football; throwing and catching; and hockey. They will learn how to use hitting, running, jumping, catching and kicking skills in combination. All Year 1 classes will be benefitting from a block of Forest School sessions.

### Practice at Home

Our school policy is not to send traditional homework i.e. worksheets to be completed at home. We do encourage the children to practise their learning at home by using tools such as Numbergym, Purple Mash or keeping a diary.

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 and spellings based on these words will be being sent home for weekly practise. Spellings will be sent home on Mondays and a test on these words will take place the following Monday.

### 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 reflect on what makes us special and the people who are special to us. Following this we will identify similarities and differences between religions and beliefs, focusing 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 – September 2017

### St John's Green Primary School



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Teachers: Mrs Smith/Mr Bates/Miss Pickard

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Miss Clayton, Miss Hillyer, Mr MacKnight, Miss  
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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