



# St George's Year 1 and 2

## Spring Newsletter



### English

In English this term, some of our writing will be based around our Titanic topic and all things aquatic! These are the following genres we will be writing in:

Instructions - We will be instructing the reader on how to make a seaworthy boat, that we will be making ourselves beforehand.

Letter - We will be writing a letter as a passenger on the ill-fated Titanic.

Recount - We will be recounting our time visiting Newcastle Central Mosque.

### History

Following our Great Fire of London topic, we are moving onto another famous disaster in history: the story of the Titanic. In our lessons about the 'unsinkable' ship we will be finding out why it was seen as unsinkable in the first place, as well as timelining the events that lead to the Titanic sinking, and working out the people and parties responsible for the disaster.

### Religious Education

We will be exploring the following subjects in RE lessons:

Books - Where would we be without books? This topic is all about importance of the bible, and the various books it contains. Children will come to know and understand the different kinds of books to be found at home and at school, as well as discovering the books that are used by the Parish Family, used so that we can better understand God.

Thanksgiving- In this topic, we will be exploring how thanks is given to God by learning about the various stages of mass, and the bible story that underpins it: the Last Supper.

Opportunities - The topic is centred around the idea of Lent and is seen as an opportunity to 'turn towards good' in preparation for Easter. In learning about this topic, the children will have opportunities to retell the events of the significant days running up to Easter, as well as describing some of the religious actions and symbols of Lent and Holy week.

### Maths

Children will be taught the following topics in maths this term:

Measures - making use of a variety of units of measure, the children will be finding the mass, temperature, capacity and length of all sorts of objects. They will also be calculating with money and learning how to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes.

Fractions - Building on a rudimentary knowledge of halves and quarters in Year 1, children will now be learning how to find fractions of shapes, lengths, sets of objects or quantities.

Geometry - Children will become familiar with an increasing number of shapes, and will start to look more closely at the properties of those shapes, including the number of sides, edges and vertices they may have.

## Science

We will be learning about the following subjects:

Animals including humans: During this topic, we will be identifying animal offspring, finding out about the basic needs of animals and finding out why it is so important that humans exercise, practise good hygiene and eat a balanced diet.

Plants: It's time to see which of our class has green fingers, as we study the anatomy and growth behaviour of plants. We will explore what plants require to survive and live successfully, identifying the ways in which plants pass on their genes through incredible seed dispersal.

## Homework and Reading

Children will receive Times Table and Spelling homework, every week, on a **Thursday**. Tests will take place on the following **Thursday**.

Reading Diaries, along with books, are expected at school **every day** so children can be heard to read as much as possible.

## Computing -

Digital Photography - we will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing, and improving photos.

Robot Algorithms - we will develop our understanding of instructions in sequences and the use of logical reasoning to predict outcomes.

## Art and Design Technology

Wheels and Axels - In Design Technology, we will be studying wheels and axels, and trying our hand at making our lunar landers!

Sculpture - Now we are feeling like more accomplished sketchers, we are now going to practise sculpting using a variety of media, including clay, natural materials and card.

## PE

In PE this term, we will be starting our Gymnastics topic, benefitting from the expertise of a fully-fledged gymnastics coach, as well as the expertise of Mr Howard!

PE will be taught on a **Monday** this term.

Please ensure your child comes to school with their PE kit on, on this day.

## Music

It's time to plug in those electric guitars, as we will be learning about rock band music this term. Children will be identifying the rhythm and pitch of some great songs, and identifying the necessary ingredients for making a song as a team.

## Geography

We will be exploring the following topics in Geography this term:

Place and Locational Knowledge

Human and Physical Geography

Continents and Oceans

## Spring School Trips

Newcastle Central Mosque - 7<sup>th</sup> February (AM only)

Discovery Museum - 29<sup>th</sup> February (AM and PM)

Scotswood Garden - 19<sup>th</sup> March (AM only)

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learn in faith, love and laughter.*