



St George's Year 2

Autumn Newsletter



English

Our focus story for this half term is the classic Victorian novel, *Oliver Twist*. The first few weeks of lessons will be focusing on Reading, with the children being taught how to respond in various ways to text, as well as making inferences about characters and defining plenty of vocabulary along the way. After developing our Reading skills, we will then turn to writing, and learn how to write some effective character and setting descriptions, featuring *Oliver Twist*'s memorable characters and settings.

Religious Education

We will be learning about and exploring the following subjects in RE lessons:

Beginnings - The title of this topic is apt given this is our first RE topic of the year. Most of the teaching during this topic will focus on God's presence at the beginning - not only the beginning of our world but the beginning of everyone's life.

Signs and Symbols - In this topic we will be considering the love and care shown in the family, recognise the significance of Signs and Symbols and learn about the main elements to a baptism.

Preparations - This topic will be taught during Advent, and consist of learning all about Advent itself, as well as recognising the importance of preparing for special occasions, and recalling Mary's pregnancy and the arrival of her son, Jesus.

Maths

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

Place Value

Addition

Subtraction

Multiplication

Division

In Year 2, children are required to recall their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and to aid them in this, they have been given access to an online multiplication programme: TT Rockstars. Your child's login for this programme can be found on the inside cover of their Times Table book.

Science

We will be learning about the following subjects:

Everyday materials: In this topic, we will be identifying and comparing the suitability of everyday materials and finding out how the shapes of solid objects can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

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.

Homework and Reading

Children will receive Times Table and Spelling homework, every week, on a Friday. 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

IT around us - we will explore how IT benefits everyone in places such as shops, libraries and hospitals.

Digital Music - we will explore how music can make us think and feel. We will make patterns and use those patterns to make music.

Art and Design Technology

Slides and Levers - In Design Technology, we will be making our very own greetings cards that feature moving parts of our own design and making.

Drawing - We will be developing our drawing skills in Art by learning to sketch and shade. Expect some fantastic drawings of the Great Fire of London.

PE

In PE this term, we will be focusing on our multi-skills (FUNS) to prepare us for more focussed topics in the Spring and Summer Term. These FUNS lessons will involve everything from balancing, to moving in a variety of ways, to throwing and catching balls.

PE will be taught on a Wednesday this term.

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

History

Fire! Fire! In History this term, the children will be learning all about the Great Fire of London. They will be travelling back to the time of the Stuarts, and will become detectives as they work out what started the fire, where it spread to, how people fought it and why we know so much about it.

Music

In music we will be developing our sense of rhythm as we learn to sing and move to songs from South Africa. We will also learn about Nelson Mandela's struggle for freedom and recite Freedom Songs from that time.

Geography

The children will be learning about the following topics in Geography, this term:

Locational Knowledge: We will be finding the continents and oceans of the world, as well as making use of atlases to locate different countries (including our own).

Map Skills: We will become young navigators and cartographers as we develop our map skills through the use of compasses, aerial photographs and field observations.

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learn in faith, love and laughter.*