ST GEORGE'S HALF-TERMLY OVERVIEW

Autumn TERM 2 2025

Key Stage 1 : Year 1

Teachers: Mrs Lopez and Miss Callaghan

Our School Vision : At St George's we are proud to be one family of lifelong learners who know they are special to God. Our family is built upon a strong sense of belonging and mutual respect. Our community gives our children the freedom to flourish and succeed.

… A flourishing fellowship: learning together with God by our side …

Literacy:

This half term, the children will be reading **What the Ladybird heard** by Julia Donaldson and Stanley's Stick by John Hegley in Literacy. The focus this half term is on handwriting, phonics and learning about the different types of words that make up a simple sentence, and how to construct a simple sentence correctly. The children will begin to expand their knowledge of adjectives, and use these to describe characters and settings.
The children will continue their daily phonic sessions following our **Little Wandle** reading scheme, moving onto phase 5 sounds. Alongside the texts the children will be reading in their Literacy lessons, the children will also be engaging with a variety of diverse texts within their daily reading sessions and during our daily story times. The children will also have the opportunity to share their love and passion of reading throughout the half term.

Mathematics:

The children will develop their grasp of number facts, fluency in **place value, addition and subtraction,** and appropriate use of key mathematical **vocabulary** to **solve problems, reason, think logically and work systematically**. Through our Mastery approach, they will develop their own mathematics cultural capital to better make sense of the world around them and become successful lifelong learners. We will be learning about the number system and **calculations within 20**, especially addition and subtraction, practise counting carefully, ensuring one to one correlation and learning our number bonds for all numbers within 10. We will also be learning about the properties **of 2D and 3D shapes** and using the language of position and direction.

Science:

Throughout Year 1 the over-arching year-long topic is 'Changing Seasons' where the children will be investigating the differences between each season. This will be explored within Forest School too throughout Autumn and Spring term (1L in Autumn 1, 1C in Autumn 2). The children will also be investigating the topic **Materials** where they will identify a range of materials, and consider their properties and uses.

Homework:

Your child will be given a 'Little Wandle' phonics sheet each Friday. This will have the sounds and words we have been learning for you to practice with your child at home. Maths homework will be set on MyMaths each Friday too to consolidate the learning in class.

Reading Books:

Computing:

This half term the children will develop their understanding of technology and how it can help them in their everyday lives. They will start to become familiar with the different components of a computer by developing their keyboard and mouse skills. Learners will also consider how to use technology responsibly and safely. This term we will be using and create their own algorithms to direct robots (beebots).

PE:

1C have PE on Monday and Tuesday.
1L have PE on Monday and Friday
Dance – Children will explore travelling actions, movement skills and balancing. They will count to the music to support their dancing, and link actions to produce short dance sequences. They will work individually and in pairs.
Gymnastics- Children will use low apparatus to develop basic skills of jumping, rolling, balancing and travelling. The children will then perform sequences to their peers.

RE:

In R.E our scheme is 'Understanding Christanity'. This half term's topic is 'Incarnation': **Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'.** The children will be exploring the Christmas story and learning about how Christians prepare for and celebrate Christmas.

History:

This half term in History, the children will be learning about significant individuals from the past, with focus on the explorer Ibn Buttuta and the impact of his discoveries. The children will learn who explorers are, and how explorers trabelled in different periods of time. They will dive deeper into Ibn Battuta and reflect on why he was important.

DT:

This half term the children will be investigating structures by **making a stable pencil pot**. The children will learn what a structure is and understand that wider bases are more stable than narrow ones. They will sketch, cut and join parts together to produce their own pencil pot. They will evaluate how their final product performed.

Music:

This half term we will be focusing on **Tempo** (theme: snail and mouse). This topic involves using your body and instruments to listen and respond to pieces of music with fast and slow speeds. The children will learn and perform a rhyme and a song focussing on fast and slow. The children will continue learning to use their singing voice when performing too.

PSHE:

This half term the children will be exploring the topic of **Health and Wellbeing.** They will look at their personal qualities, strategies to manage feelings, the impact of sleep and relaxation on wellbeing, the importance of hand washing and sun protection, identifying and dealing with allergic reactions and identifying people in the

Your child will bring home a book of their choice to share with you. Your child will also receive a **Little Wandle book** each Wednesday, this is to be returned the following Monday to be changed.	community who keep them healthy. **Dates to remember:** *Friday 7th November: Year 1 Science Museum Trip* **What you need and when**: **Coat**: Please provide your child with a named warm, showerproof coat every day. **Water**: A named water bottle— this needs to be filled each day and brought into school.

PARENTS: The school is always looking for an extra set of hands……all children love to see Mum, Dad, Nan or Granddad helping out in school. Do you have any special skills you could offer? Can you garden, play games, make things…the list is endless! We would love any offers of help. If you are able to offer any help, please speak to the class teacher or one of our office staff.

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