ST GEORGE'S HALF-TERMLY OVERVIEW

Spring TERM 1 2026

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 term, the children will continue with a focus on using descriptive language to describe a range of settings. They will also be learning about explanation texts and instructions. The focus text this term is '**Secret Sky Garden' by Linda Sarah and Fiona Lumbers**. Within the Literacy sessions, the children will explore different authors' writing styles, allowing them to develop their spelling, punctuation and grammar skills to use in their own writing. 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.

Computing:

This term the children will learn what the internet is and how it can be used. They will recognise that the internet may affect mood or emotions. They will also identify which information is appropriate to share and post online and which is not.

PE:

1C have PE on Monday and Tuesday.
1L have PE on Monday and Friday

This half term, the children will continue with the topic of Gymnastics. They will also enjoy Invasion games. In Gymnastics, the children will develop technique and control when performing shape jumps. They will also develop technique in the barrel, straight and forward roll, and then put these rolls into a sequence. In 'Invasion Games', the children will be in two teams and try to score in the opposition's goal. They will develop their understanding of attacking, defending and being 'in possession'. They will develop skills such as sending and receiving with both hands and feet, and learn how to score points in friendly games.

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. They will be learning about the number system and **deepening their knowledge of place value within 20**. The children will also explore addition and subtraction calculations within 20, which will include precise counting and applying number bond knowledge for fluency. We will also be learning about the properties of **2D and 3D shapes** and using the language of position and direction.

RE:

In R.E our scheme is 'Understanding Christianity'. This half term's topic is **'Gospel': What is the Good News that Jesus brings?'** We will ask questions about what matters most to people, describe stories that teach Christians to be thankful and discuss why prayer is important to Christians.

Geography:

This half term, the children will continue developing their knowledge on explorers with a focus on the **weather** in the different places explorers such as Ibn Battuta travelled to. The children will learn about the north and south pole, as well as understanding why countries nearer the equator are hotter.

Science:

Throughout Year 1 the over-arching year-long topic is 'Changing Seasons' where the children will be investigating the differences between each season. 1L will be enjoying Forest School again this half term. Meanwhile, 1C will explore the topic '**Plants'** with the key question 'Why are plants important?' The children will learn how to **identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees**. They also learn how to **identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.**

Art:

This term we will or focus is on **paint and mixed media**. We will be exploring colour mixing through paint play, using a range of tools to paint on different surfaces and creating paintings inspired by **Clarice Cliff** and **Jasper Johns**. The children will learn about primary and secondary colours, colour mixing techniques, and applying these skills in painting and printing. The lessons encourage exploration and confidence in colour use, and by the end of the unit, they will have created a painted plate in the style of an artist.

Music:

This half term we will be focusing on **Sound Patterns (theme: Fairy tales)**. This term the children will be introduced to the concept of sound patterns (rhythms). They will explore clapping along to repeated words and

	phrases, creating rhythmic patterns to tell a familiar fairytale.
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.	**PSHE:** This Half term our P.S.H.E unit is **Safety and the changing body**. The children will be discussing: that each person's body belongs to them, and the differences between appropriate and inappropriate or unsafe physical, and other, contact. They will understand that some types of physical contact are never appropriate and that some types of physical contact are appropriate. We will also discuss the facts about legal and illegal harmful substances and associated risks, including smoking, alcohol use and drug-taking, they will understand what can safely go onto their body and explain why they should never put some things into their body.
Reading Books: Your child will bring home a book of their choice to share with you. Your child will also receive a **Little Wandle book** each Friday, this is to be returned the following Monday to be changed.	**Dates to remember:** *Parents Evening:* *Monday 9th February and Tuesday 10th Febraury*
	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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