

# St George's Year 4

## Summer Term Overview 2023

### Science

We will begin the term by starting our topic on 'Electricity,' In this topic, pupils will design and build electrical circuits which feature different components, such as motors and buzzers. They will learn about using electricity safely and will be able to identify insulators and conductors.

For the rest of the term, pupils will learn about living things and their habitats. They will be classifying the animal groups and discuss the 7 characteristics of living things.

### English

We begin the term by reading '*Christophe's Story*', responding to text in a range of activities from characterization, deeper comprehension questions, use of grammar and punctuation and role play to understand events in the story. This will be followed up with a Poetry Topic, in which children will be expanding their understanding and use of figurative language.

Finally, the children will be identifying key features of non-chronological reports. They will be asked to justify their reactions to texts, commenting on important issues. They will be asked to plan and write their own non-chronological reports, using appropriate language to make sections link together.

### Physical Development

In PE the children will be focusing on net & wall games such as tennis. In the second half of the summer term the children will be focusing on striking and fielding games, including cricket.

### Religious Education

In our topic 'The Early Christians,' the children will be learning about the events after Jesus' death; his resurrection, his ascension into heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and how all of these events have impacted on Christianity.

The second topic is 'The Church' which will involve looking at their role in the community of the Church.

### PSHE

In PSHE for this term the children will be learning about health and wellbeing, particularly how to keep themselves healthy.

### ICT

This term in ICT we will be completing our 'We are musicians', unit. The children will be using busy beats to discuss and experiment with the main elements of a piece of music and allows them to compose their own piece of music.

The children's second topic is logos. The children will learn common commands and constructs of the Logo programming language. They will develop their ability to compose algorithms for drawing mathematical structures and turn these into Logo code.

### Creative Curriculum

We will complete the History Unit 'The Romans' by learning about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain e.g. the building of Hadrian's Wall.

In Geography the children will be learning about South America and the Amazon. This will be building on from their previous terms' learning on rainforests.

### Mathematics

This term we will be learning about money, time and geometry. In time, pupils will learn to read both digital and analogue clocks, as well as write the time in 12h and 24h formats. We will be continuing to embed their times tables knowledge up to 12 x 12.

# Ideas for helping your child at home this term

## Science

Discuss with your child the importance of using electricity safely and the dangers of not following health and safety rules. Encourage your child to identify different types of electrical power, such as mains, battery and solar. Look at the knowledge organisers so your child can identify and understand the key words.

## English

Encourage your child to read books set in different cultures. Discuss the differences between the settings. If possible, look back at their family history to see where their relatives came from and how different their life style might have been to your child's.

Look at different texts that explain how to do or make something.

Look at a range of different persuasive texts available at home e.g. newspapers, adverts.

## Physical Development

Encourage your child to be active and be aware of the importance of a healthy life style.

## Religious Education

Discuss with your child the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives for guidance and protection.

Highlight the importance of following Jesus' teaching through our everyday actions and behaviour. Discuss their baptism and Holy Communion and their role within their parish.

## PSHE

Encourage your child to talk about what it means to live a healthy life and how they can maintain their own wellbeing.

## ICT

Discuss with your child what they have been learning about in ICT and the platforms they have been using.

## Creative Curriculum

### Geography:

History: Find out about some of the things the Romans introduced that are still in use today.

Use an Atlas to look at the location of South America and the countries there. Use knowledge organiser to assist with key words.

## Numeracy

- Practise times-tables for quick recall and using the four operations in worded and number problems. Exploit opportunities to explore measuring, weighing and capacity at home. Discuss the time with your children at home.