

# St Georges Year 2 Overview

## Spring Term 2023

### English

The children will continue to learn about narrative writing. We will be encouraging them to explore character development, story plans and writing full stories. Each story must have a beginning, problem, solution and ending. We will be exploring the use of interesting vocabulary through the use of conjunctions, adjectives and sentence openers to enhance their writing.

### Maths

This term, the children will continue to develop Number skills, focussing on place value and addition and subtraction. They will learn to partition numbers into tens and ones and write calculations such as  $10+8=18$ ,  $18-8=10$ . Children will also learn about measures; length and height, and mass and volume. They will use non-standard and standard units to measure these.

### Religious Education

Our topics this term are 'Families and Celebrations' and 'Following Jesus'. The children will learn about becoming part of God's family and visit the church. They will also learn about and reflect on the importance of Lent.

### Humanities

Our first topic this term is 'The United Kingdom'. Children will be taught the names of the countries in the UK along with their capital cities and the seas around the UK. They will also learn about physical and human features.

Our History topic will be 'What was life like for our grandparents?' We will look at what household items such as irons and televisions would have looked like and similarities and differences between then and now.

### Science

In the first half term we will be learning about materials. Children will name and describe materials such as wood, metal, plastic and glass.

For the second half term, our topic will be 'Animals including Humans'. Children will learn to name animals, and learn five of the animal groups (reptiles, mammals, amphibians, fish and birds). They will discuss similarities and differences between animals.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Dev.

The children will explore what makes a healthy lifestyle and identify what happens to their bodies when they experience different emotions.

We will continue learning to recognise about emotions and how to self regulate.

### Physical Education (PE)

The children will be exploring dance and gymnastics this term.

The children will have the opportunity to explore different dance movements and travelling in different ways, including over apparatus. They will also continue to develop their ability to work co-operatively with one another.

### Computing

The children be learning about 'Online Safety' and how the information they put online leaves a digital footprint.

We will also be learning to explore PurpleMash and use features such as the filter and 2Do sections of the site.

# I deas for helping your child at home this half term

## English

Verbally make up stories with your child with different settings eg: space, under the sea. Help your child to learn new and interesting vocabulary through your talk and sharing of books. Read and encourage your child to read exciting stories to broaden their imagination. Carry out activities with your child in which they need to follow instructions e.g. cooking, playing board games, craft activities.

## Religious Education

Discuss celebrations that take place in church and why they are special.

Explore the meaning of the parable, "The Good Samaritan," and how we can be kind to others.

Talk to your child about Lent and The Easter Story.

## Humanities

Look at maps and atlases with your child pinpointing the United Kingdom. Discuss features such as cliffs, castles, mountains and rivers.

Discuss what life was like for grandparents when they were young exploring similarities and difference between then and now.

## Science

Look at different materials in your home together and discuss the properties of each material. Encourage your child to explain why each material is fit for its job.

Visit the library or use the internet to research different animals. Find out the names of unfamiliar animals, such as, iguana, magpie.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Dev.

Encourage your child to "always have a go". Can they try a task, for example their homework, by themselves before asking for help? Could they try to be more responsible at home, for example by getting their own bag ready for school or by helping to set the table?

## Physical Education (PE)

Bring your child to the park and discuss what happens to your heart when you exercise. Encourage your child to exercise daily and explain the importance of exercise. Play different music to help your child explore different dance movements.

## Computing

When using devices at home discuss and follow the rules for keeping safe.

Explore Purple Mash with your child.

Practise typing skills.

## Maths

Continue to work on their maths passport with them. Learn number bonds to 10 and 20 by heart, as well as numbers within 20. Play board games with them to encourage counting on and back correctly. Practise recognising and using coins with your child. Let your child pay for items when shopping with you.

Help them to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. Begin to count to 100 and beyond with your child.