

St Georges Year 2 Overview Spring Term 2023

English

We will be concentrating on narrative writing and instruction writing. The children will continue to develop their story writing skills. They will be focusing on the structure of their sentences, ensuring they makes sense. They will learn editing skills to help to improve their writing. Our focus books for this term are: 'Billy & the Beast'; 'The Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis and 'The Story Machine' by Tom McLaughlin.

Maths

The children will be developing Number skills including multiplication and division of 2s, 5s and 10s and revision of addition and subtraction of two digit numbers. Children will also be learning about fractions and how to find $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of amounts and shapes. Children will be learning about the features of 2D and 3D shapes and will learn to tell the time to the nearest 15-minutes.

Religious Education

The children will be exploring 'Good News' stories from the Bible. They will hear about the miracles of Jesus and how he helped others. They will also learn about and reflect on the importance of Lent and the main parts of 'The Mass'.

Humanities (Geography)

Our first topic this term is 'Oceans and Continents'. The children will name and locate the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world, using atlases and globes. They will also be looking at the different human and physical features of each continent, thinking about the main animals and landmarks in each.

In our second topic, the children will be contrasting our local area to Murguamno village in Zambia and learning all about what life is like there.

Science

The first topic this term is called 'Take Care' -children will be learning about what keeps them fit and healthy including diet, exercise and personal hygiene. In the second half term, the children will learning about 'Habitats'. They will be investigating the habitats of different animals and thinking about why they live there. We will also learn about micro-habitats and food-chains.

Music

Children will continue to learn how to play the recorder. They will learn the basic notes, tunes and techniques.

Physical Education (PE)

Dance - The children will perform basic skills in movement, being still, finding space and using it safely to music..

Gym— Development of taking weight on different body parts.
Points: knees, toes, hips, hands.
Patches: back, tummy, shoulders

ICT

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

We will also be looking at 'Effective Searching' of information using the internet.

The children will also work on 'Creating Pictures' by looking at impressionist art and pointillism, and using these features on a computer programme to create their art based on this style.

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English

Continue to read and discuss stories with your child.. Ensure they can answer questions that you ask about the text to show their understanding. Work on irregular past tense words with your child. E.g. ran, took, caught, spoke, ate. Get your child to point out adverbs, connectives and ambitious adjectives from their daily reading.

Maths

Support your child in learning to read an analogue clock by discussing the time regularly and what the hands and digits mean on the clock face.

Continue to work on **Maths Passports** objectives so your child can confidently and quickly recall answers, including the 2,3,5, and 10 times table.

Identify 2D and 3D shapes around the home.

Practise counting on and back in 10's from any number.

Religious Education

Read biblical stories of Good News (The Ten Lepers, Healing the Paralyed Man and the Feeding of the 5000). Talk with your child about how a sad situation can become good. After Sunday Mass, discuss the different things that happened and why they are important:- Readings, Consecration, Holy Communion.

Humanities (Geography)

Discover and explore an atlas or world map with your child to locate the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world. Find out the major landmarks and main animals in each continent. Discuss the places you have visited!

Find Zambia within Africa on a world map. Discuss how life in a rural African village might be different and similar to yours.

Science

Explore the outdoor area for different habitats of animals. Discuss different habitats across the globe, the various animals that live in them and how they are suited to their environment. Look at books and research different habitats with your child.

Encourage your children to become more independent in taking care of themselves e.g food choices, exercise and personal hygiene.

Music

Encourage your child to practise at home and develop their confidence at playing the recorder.

Physical Education (PE)

Work with your child to develop their balance, coordination and gross motor skills. Discuss rhythm of music and create simple moves to the beat.

ICT

When using ICT at home discuss and follow the rules for keeping safe and communicating responsibly online.

Continue to practise keyboard typing skills.

Encourage them to type keywords in search engines, such as Google, to efficiently search for information about a topic.