

# St George's Year Four Spring Term Overview 2023

## PSHE.

Our focus in PSHE is 'Keeping Safe'. The children will distinguish between a danger, hazard and risk. They will discuss about who keeps them safe and how to keep themselves safe.

## Computing

For the beginning of this term, the children will begin the term by looking at animation. We will explore the origin of animation and use different animation software to produce short videos. Our first project will be developing electronic flip-books before creating stop motion animations.

For the remaining time, the children will be using programmes to write for difficult audiences. This ties in with their English and newspaper writing.

## Religious Education

The children will be learning about Jesus' early life – that Jesus was born a Jew and followed the laws and customs of Judaism.

We will also be looking at Jesus the Teacher. Children will learn that Jesus had many important messages to give to his followers about how they should live their lives and how to show love and kindness to others. We will explore how this message is still enforced in today's culture.

We will celebrate and discuss the season of Lent in preparation for Easter.

## Science

We will begin the term with 'In a State'. We will be finding out about the properties of the three different states of matter: solid, liquid and gas. We will learn how to use thermometers accurately, and be involved in setting up enquiries about changing from one state of matter to another. We will use and apply this knowledge to help us to learn about the water cycle.

## English

The children will start the term by studying the 'Spiderwick Chronicles'. They will be consolidating their understanding of characterisation; inference & deduction; vocabulary and writing imaginatively.

In their non-fiction writing unit the children will explore the skills required for newspaper reports and produce their own article using these skills. In grammar and punctuation the children will be focussing on sentence structure and making their sentences more interesting and complex.

## P:E

The children will be studying gymnastics and creating their own routine incorporating a range of movements.

After half term they will be playing invasion games with a specific focus on basketball and football.

They will learn how to play as part of a team and the rules of fair play.

## Maths

Our focus in Numeracy this term will continue to be on multiplication and division, with pupils learning to multiply and divide 2 and 3 digit numbers by 1 digit.

We will also be working on area by using multiplication skills to find the area of rectangles.

We will conclude the Spring term by learning about fractions and decimals. This will involve: finding equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions, and converting fractions into decimals.

## Humanities

This term the children are learning about rainforests. Children will be location at the location of different rainforests and the features of different rainforests.

In history, children will be learning about the Romans. They will be looking at key features of the Roman empire, and how families were organised under the Romans. Building on from this, they will be looking at the key legacies of the Romans.

# Ideas for helping your child at home this term.

## PSHE

Encourage your child to talk about what it means to be a member of modern society and how they can contribute to making a positive impact.

## Religious Education

Say a daily prayer with your child.  
Discuss their homework with them and encourage to make connections between our previous topic.  
Help them to prepare for the season of Lent by making a Lenten Promise.

## Literacy

Continue to read with your child aloud every night. Include reading child-friendly newspaper articles and discuss the content e.g. Can they think of an alternative headline?  
Practice your weekly spellings— Can they use these new words in an interesting sentence? — focus on sentence structure and punctuation.

## Creative Curriculum

## Computing

If you are able to, download an animation software, such as Pivot Animator, to explore and develop their skills.  
Encourage children to look at different pieces of writing they are exposed to.

## Science

Encourage children to look at their knowledge organisers.  
Ask them to research and learn the water cycle.  
Discuss with your child the three different states that water can exist in. Freeze water, let it melt and then heat it to illustrate the three different states to your child.

## Physical Development

Encourage your child to be active and be aware of the importance of having a healthy lifestyle.  
Ask your child to think up a game that both adults and children can participate in!

## Mathematics

Continue to work on the times tables up to 12x12 with your child, this really does underpin much of the maths we do and it can affect their progress if they are not secure on these.  
Continue to focus on giving your child simple problems to solve using the four operations.