

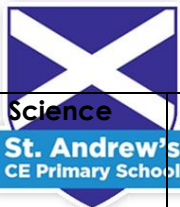


## Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring term 1 2026

Please find information listed about the curriculum which will be taught throughout this half term.

Subject	Topic this half term	Additional notes
English	<p><b>Reading</b> This term, we will start 'Pathways to Reading' which is a fantastic scheme that supports all aspects of reading from word reading to comprehension. Our first book focus will be 'The Koala Who Could'.</p> <p><b>Writing</b> Our English topic this half term will focus on the beautiful book 'A House That Once Was', for which we will be writing our own narrative of the story. The story focusses on old things that have changed over time and thinks about how they might once have been. This is a great jumping point for discussion at home about the olden days and we would love to hear about your own family's history.</p> <p><b>Handwriting</b> Handwriting remains a focus for us at St Georges. Please check your child's homework book for more information on how to support this at home.</p> <p><b>Phonics</b> Phonics lessons take place daily. Children are streamed into groups for phonics and each group work independently. Make sure you check homework books for the new sounds taught each week and how to apply them.</p>	<p><b>Reading</b> Reading is so important throughout school and we ask you to read you're your child each night, even if it is just 5 minutes. Please make a note in their reading record so that we know when books are ready to be changed. <i>Please can you ensure reading books are in school bags every day as children may be called to read on any day.</i> <b>Reading books are changed on a Monday. Library books are changed on a Friday.</b></p> <p><b>Spellings</b> Spellings for this half term will be put in the back of homework books. Please practice these throughout the week. <b>Score will be added to homework books which should be returned to school on a Thursday.</b></p>
Maths	<p>This half term we will be focussing on <b>place value</b> and <b>addition and subtraction up to 20</b>.</p> <p>We will look at ordering numbers, one more and one less, greater than and less than and using part whole model and number tracks to support this.</p> <p>We will also focus on number sentences and number problems for addition and subtraction.</p>	<p><b>Maths at home</b> Thank you for your continued support with Numbots. We have really noticed the impact it has had on the children's understanding of maths. The games are great fun and there are certificates for those who work hard!</p>
R.E	<p>Our focus this half term is <b>Who is Jewish and how do they live?</b> This links in nicely with our Multi-Faith Week learning and allows us to take a closer look at another faith.</p>	
Computing	<p>In computing we will be looking at <b>Programming with 2go &amp; Bee-Bot</b></p>	



<b>Science</b>	Our science topic is <b>Materials</b> and we will be looking at the properties of different materials and how they are used.	Please could you ensure that the children always keep a pair of wellies in school as we often go outside whatever the weather to discover the great outdoors.
<b>PSHE</b>	This half term our focus is <b>Keeping Safe</b> . We will focus on how to keep our bodies and minds safe.  This term we are also starting the 'My Happy Mind' programme which supports children's mental health and wellbeing.	
<b>Humanities</b>	This half term our humanities focus is <b>History</b> , and we will be looking at <b>Queen Victoria</b> . And discussing the impact she had on the country during her rein.	
<b>Art</b>	Our topic this half term is <b>Painting and mixed media: Colour splash</b> in which we will be colour mixing and creating work based on the artists Clarice Cliff and Jasper Johns.	
<b>P.E.</b>	In PE, we will be working completing <b>Commando Joes Traditional Tales and Ball skills</b> where we will be learning dribbling, rolling, throwing and catching balancing.	PE days are <b>Thursdays</b> and <b>Fridays</b> . Please send your child in their PE uniform on those days. Pumps should be left in school for indoor activities.
<b>Music</b>	We are very lucky to be supported by the Alpha Music Team who will be helping us to teach the skills of music performance, creation and appraisal.	

#### Other Useful Information

##### Equipment

Just a reminder about equipment. Children may bring to school:

- A small bag and packed lunch box.
- **No pencil cases please** – stationery will be provided.
- A small, named bottle of plain water **every day please.**
- A **healthy** snack e.g. fruit. **No nuts please due to allergies in school.**

Please note jewellery including **earrings of any type** are not allowed in school. All hair accessories should be in school blue.

**Please label all items** clearly with your child's name, especially cardigans and jumpers!

##### A note for children and parents from Mrs Tanner

Happy New Year! I hope you have had a restful time over the festive period. After the fun and festive term that is Autumn 2 we will be back to our our wonderful learning opportunities this half term.

We want all the children to feel safe, happy and respected so please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything we can help you with. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Tanner