



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring term 2 2026

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

Subject	Topic this half term	Additional notes
<p>English</p>	<p>Reading After a fantastic start to our 'Pathways to Reading' scheme last half term we will be focussing on the gorgeous book 'The Friendly Mammoth'</p> <p>Writing Our English focus this half term is based around writing instructions and uses the book 'How to Grow a Unicorn' as our starting point. The children have already had a little look at the front cover and are very excited to find out more!</p> <p>Handwriting 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. Ask your children about how we sit and hold our pencil in class. At home fine motor activities are a great support for this – just search 'fine motor activities' for some ideas.</p> <p>Phonics 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>Reading 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> Reading books are changed on a Monday. Library books are changed on a Friday.</p> <p>Reminder that there are now ebooks available via Purple Mash.</p> <p>Spellings As previously mentioned, as a school we have decide to cease spelling tests in year 1 This is to allow us to concentrate on embedding phonic knowledge ready for the next stage of learning.</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>This half term we will be focussing on place value within 50, measuring length and height and measuring weight and volume.</p> <p>This will build on our prior learning of numbers to 20, and work on using the number line to 50 to support number knowledge, counting in tens, partitions into tens and ones, and estimation.</p> <p>In measurement we will be doing lots of practical activities to develop skills and will introduce centimetres.</p>	<p>Maths at home 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>
<p>R.E</p>	<p>Our focus this half term is What do Christians believe God is like?</p>	



	We will be introducing parables and thinking about how they help Christians to understand God.	
Computing	In computing we will be looking at Using the internet safely which links in well with last terms PHSE 'Keeping Safe' topic.	All children should now have their Purple Mash log in which has lots of activities your child may wish to have a go at.
Science	Our science topic is Animals including humans – animals. We will be identifying and classifying different types of animals and making comparisons.	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.
RSHE	This half term our focus is Rights and Respect . We will be looking at respect for ourselves, others and our environment, as well as looking at money and it's uses. We have had a fantastic start to the 'My Happy Mind' programme which supports children's mental health and wellbeing. Ask your child how the parts of their brain work together and what they can do to help this.	
Humanities	This half term our humanities focus is History , and we will be looking at Rosa Park and the Civil Rights Movement. We will be discussing the positive and long term impact her actions had on the world and the importance of equal rights and equality.	
DT	Our topic this half term is Fruit & Vegetables . We will be finding our about healthy eating, how fruits and vegetables grow and will be doing lots of tasting!	Reminder that a donation of £1 per child would be gratefully received towards this. Thank you to those that have already sent in donations.
P.E.	In PE, we will be doing Gymnastics and Invasion Games . Gymnastics will include shapes, balances, rolls and jumps. Invasion games will build on our prior learning in ball skills by playing games that include sending and receiving, and attacking and defending.	PE days are Thursdays and Fridays . Please send your child in their PE uniform on those days. Pumps should be left in school for indoor activities.
Music	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, small** snack e.g. fruit – although this is not necessary as fruit is provided.

No nuts please due to allergies in school.

Please note jewellery including **earrings of any type** are not allowed in school.



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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

I hope you have had a lovely half term break. It is really exciting to see signs of Spring in the air, and Spring term 2 marks the half way point of our Year 1 journey! Our focus on phonics will continue as we head towards the phonics screening test, and your support at home does not go unnoticed. If you feel you need more support with this, I am more than happy to have a chat after school, just let me know.

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