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At St George's we are proud to be one family of lifelong learners who know that they are special to God. Our family is built upon a strong sense of belonging and mutual respect. Our community gives our children the freedom to flourish and succeed.

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flourishing fellowship; learning today with God by our side

WEEKLY NEWS

We hope you all enjoyed a really lovely half term and we are now so excited about welcoming back all the children on Monday, 8th March. It will be wonderful for the children to see their friends and their teachers as the children have been really missed. Thank you again for all the support with the online learning over this term, which has continued with gusto this week too. The children came back refreshed and ready to continue with their learning. EYFS have been busy learning about what it is like to be a pirate and discussing where they come from. Year 1 have been searching for animal images from a wide range of environments and countries on the web as part of their research for their next ICT unit of work. Year 2 have been learning about Charles Darwin and his contribution to Science. Year 3 have been using a range of maps to explore where we live and to consider what it is like. Year 4 are researching toys from cultures around the world as they will be designing their own. Year 5 are creating a web page on a country of their choice from Eastern Europe, Asia or Africa covering categories such as food, traditional dress, festivals, climate etc. Year 6 have been learning algebra and how it is used in everyday life such as cooking. So a busy week, and next week will be even busier as prior to the children coming back on Monday 8th March, they have Book Week to look forward to next week. Mr Kenny and Mrs Fage have been busy organising a really fun packed week with virtual visiting authors, poets, competitions and exciting activities.

The teachers will be sharing with the children the plan of the week today and will save the Book Week recorded assembly on Teams, for your information. The exciting activities will involve: the children writing poetry, creating their own characters, completing quizzes and guessing who the Masked readers are and much, much more! Don't forget we will also be dressing up as our favourite characters on World Book day too, which is on **Thursday, 3rd March**. Please also see the attached posters, advertising the exciting competitions we are running next week.

Have a lovely weekend the St G's Team.

Online Safety

It is important to have regular conversations about staying safe online and to encourage your child to speak to you if they come across something worrying online. Talk to your child about the importance of creating a safe online environment, including keeping any log-in details and passwords safe. These resources will support you to talk to your child about a range of online safety issues, set up home filtering in a child-friendly way and set up age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices:

Thinkuknow by the National Crime Agency - Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (NCA-CEOP) - resources for parents and carers and children of all ages to help keep children safe online;

Childnet has developed **guidance for parents and carers** to begin a conversation about online safety, as well as **guidance on keeping under-fives safe online**;

Parent info is a collaboration between Parent Zone and NCA-CEOP – support and guidance for parents and carers related to the digital world from leading experts and organisations.

Diary dates

Thursday, 3rd March – World Book day
Friday, 12th March – International Maths day
Thursday, 25th March – AAC meeting
Tuesday, 30th March – Parent Forum meeting
Thursday, 1st April – last day of term 1/1.30pm finish

Enrichment opportunities

Before half term, we shared the World Book Day evoucher for you to purchase a new book with. Take a look at 2021's selection of texts here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>. All twelve texts are written by fantastic authors and all look like fantastic reads. With current store closures, you can find your local participating retailer here: <https://www.booksellers.org.uk/wbd>. Also, check out Mc Grammar performing the first ever World Book Day song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZpTkjssrL4k>. Mr Kenny can't stop rapping along to the tune, he thinks it's going to be a big hit!

British Science Week runs for 5th – 14th March which we will hold later in the academic year, once all our children have returned to school. In the meantime, you may wish to check out the activity packs on <https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/activity-packs/>. The teachers will use some of these for their science lessons but you may want to try some of them at home too.

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