



Our School Vision : At St George's we are proud to be one family of lifelong learners who know 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.

... A flourishing fellowship: learning together with God by our side ...

Literacy: Our main focus is on fiction texts this half term. We will be learning about Traditional Tales. We will be retelling traditional tales using story telling language (Once upon a time etc), using descriptive language to describe settings and characters and making up an alternative ending to a well known traditional tale.

We will continue to have daily handwriting and phonics sessions and any homework is linked to these. Please ensure that your child can read *and write* the high frequency/tricky words sent home each week as well as revising any words/phonemes which your child has previously found tricky. There is a spelling test every Friday of the words sent home for that week.

Alongside the texts the children will be reading in their Literacy lessons, the children will also be engaging with a variety of diverse texts within their daily reading sessions and during our daily story times. The children will also have the opportunity to share their love and passion of reading throughout the half term.

Computing:

This term the children will become more familiar with using a keyboard and mouse to enter and remove text. The pupils will consider how to change the look of their text, and will be able to justify their reasoning in making these changes. Finally, the learners will consider the differences between using a computer to create text, and writing text on paper.

Mathematics: In maths we will be learning about the number system and investigating different strategies to support our calculations, especially addition and subtraction of numbers within 50. We will be expecting the children to use a range of manipulatives and to explain their calculation strategies using the correct mathematical vocabulary. We will also be learning about measuring the length and measuring the weight of a range of objects.

In our Maths Meetings we will continue to learn about time; recognising and reading the o'clock, half past time on analogue clocks, introducing the children to fractions (1/2 and 1/4) of objects and numbers and also money.

The children will develop their grasp of **number facts, fluency in place value, addition and subtraction**, and appropriate use of key **mathematical vocabulary** to solve problems, reason, think logically and work systematically. Through our Mastery approach, they will develop their own **mathematics cultural capital** to better make sense of the world around them and become successful lifelong learners.

Topic (History & Geography):

We will continue with our topic 'Time Detectives'. We will be finding out about dinosaur discoveries, where they were found and who found them. We will be looking at a range of dinosaur fossils and identifying where they were found in the world using maps and globes. We will also be learning about a range of palaeontologists, from the first to discover and recognise dinosaur remains, to more recent finds and thinking about how our ideas of what dinosaurs were like has changed over time.

Some of the palaeontologists we will research are; Mary Anning, Richard Owen, Dong Zhiming and Jack Horner.

Towards the end of this term, we will be introducing our short 'Our Place' topic, Through this topic we will investigate our local area. The focus for this topic is maps.

Science:

Our new topic in science is 'Plants'.

We will be learning to identify and label parts of plants and to recognise and name plants that grow in our local environment. We will be carrying out a range of investigations and observing them over to time to find out about growth and change. We will continue to research botanists from the past such as George Washington Carver and Carl Linnaeus.

We will also continue with our overarching topic 'Seasonal Changes' and learning about 'Spring'.

DT/Art: We will be completing our Art unit on printing before starting our new DT topic 'Sliders and Levers'. We will link this DT topic to our literacy 'Traditional Tales'.

RE: In R.E we will begin to learn about other religions. We will explore a range of stories linked to a variety of religions and be finding out why they are significant to a particular religion.

PSHE: Our topic this half term is linked to our school value 'Trust'; 'Who can we trust to keep us safe?'. We will be learning about the people who are responsible for helping us stay healthy and safe and how we can get support if we have fears for ourselves or others. We will also be learning about how to stay safe outside of school and our homes (eg; crossing roads etc).

PE:

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We will be developing our skills in gymnastics and outside games.

Please ensure that your child comes into school in their PE kit on these days.

This term we will be learning how to play tennis – To be able to hit a ball with hand/racket. To be able to hit a ball to a partner. To be able to move towards a moving ball.

Music: This half term the children will be exploring sounds to create stories. The children learn how music can be used to tell a story. They identify contrasts of fast and slow, loud and quiet, leading to a performance.

Homework: Homework will be sent out on a Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday. Athletics activities and games are available on line for your child to use to consolidate maths skills at Mymaths. To help consolidate your child's reading skills they can log into 'Bug Club'.

Reading Books:

Please read with your child for at least 10 minutes each day.
Children do not have to read a whole book, a few pages is often enough.

Dates to remember:

Keep an eye on the Newsletter for up to date information.

1H Scadbury Park Thurs 21st April 2022 (morning)
Year 1 Trip to the Natural History Museum Wed 27th April 2022
(whole day)
Polling Day/School Inset Day Thurs 5th May 2022
1M Scadbury Park Fri 6th May 2022 (morning)

Other: What you need and when:

Coat: Please provide your child with a named warm, showerproof coat every day.

Water: A named water bottle— this needs to be filled each day and brought into school.

Pencil cases: Please keep personal pencil cases at home to prevent items being lost. We will provide you with any necessary stationery.

PARENTS: The school is always looking for an extra set of hands.....all children love to see Mum, Dad, Nan or Granddad helping out in school. Do you have any special skills you could offer? Can you garden, play games, make things...the list is endless! We would love any offers of help. If you are able to offer any help, please speak to the class teacher or one of our office staff.

Remember: Visit our website <https://stgeorgescebromley.school/>.



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