

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL YEAR 6 SUMMER TERM

FORECAST 2024

The children have settled back into school well after the Easter break, with energy and focus. They are very enthusiastic and eager to do well and we are incredibly proud of them! Thank you for your continued support in helping your children with their revision. We are excited to enter our last term together, continuing our learning and preparing for the transition to secondary school in September. Below is information regarding this term.

ENGLISH

This term the children will be concentrating on preparing for our final writing assessments and revision for our grammar and spelling tests. They will be closely and carefully reading through their writing for sense and punctuation, practising writing both detailed (with ambitious vocabulary and conjunctions) and short sentences.

The children will review their individual writing targets and so have a precise focus on how to progress as part of the end of year assessment for writing. Alongside written and verbal feedback from staff, they will continue to self-assess in each lesson according to the focus of the task.

GRAMMAR AND SPELLING

This term will be spent on ensuring that children are consolidating their knowledge and applying their skills to their writing. Children will continue to learn about the things, the actions, the links and the sentences that make a good piece of writing. In addition, children will ensure that they are applying all the punctuation rules and knowledge of how to write cohesively.

READING

It is crucial that the children read regularly at home: the more they read, the more they will develop their vocabulary, which will further develop their writing. If you have difficulty in finding books that engage your child, then please come and see us and we will suggest some suitable texts. We will be developing our reading comprehension skills as part of our revision lessons and beyond into the second half term following the tests. We will be focusing on a range of question types and skills. We are continuing to read and enjoy our class text 'Eye of the Wolf' by Daniel

Pennac.

NUMERACY

The first half term we will be revising the trickiest topics to help the children feel confident for the tests in May. We will also be looking at the children's techniques at sitting the tests to ensure their full confidence.

Please also ensure that the children regularly log on to **Mathletics**, **Active Learn games and times tables rockstars**. The children's mental maths skills and times table recall will only further improve with practice, giving them the confidence needed for the tests in May. If they have lost their login details, please make sure you let us know. They should also use bitesize for their revision. Please support your child in making full use of all these valuable resources.

SCIENCE

We will be extending our learning from Autumn Term on living things. This will begin with a recap of classification. We then move onto adaptation and survival of organisms over thousands of years. This will include learning about the work of famous scientists such as Mary Anning, Charles Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace. To develop their research skills in science, children will be producing a longer project based around our learning in science this term. Parts of this will be completed as home learning. You will be able to see this on our Google Classroom.

WIDER CURRICULUM

Children will consolidate their learning -

Our focus will then shift to our geography topic learning about the Arctic and Antarctica. This project teaches children about the characteristics and features of polar regions, including the North and South Poles, and includes a detailed exploration of the environmental factors that shape and influence them. They will write an independent report 'Is it possible to live in the Antarctic?' writing a non-chronological report to present their research.

RE

In RE this term, we will be looking how the Christian message has survived over 2000 years and how the message about early Christianity was spread. This will include learning about Pentecost and the coming of the

Holy Spirit. We will then complete the unit on rules and responsibilities. This topic helps to support the children in the lead up to leaving St John's and moving to their new schools in September.

PSHE

We will be completing our final lesson Relationships and sex education unit this term (RSE). We will be learning about healthy relationships and different types of relationships. Children have the opportunity to discuss as they wish in a safe, secure space. We also discuss the need for sensitivity and confidentiality. We will also be completing our 3 Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Education looking at early prevention and where to seek guidance, help and support.

Computing

We will be completing our topic on film making and then moving onto this term's topic of coding. Children will be learning about: what coding is, the uses and importance of coding. They will use a program to create drawings and animation.

PE

This term the children will be exploring athletics including running for speed competition and distance competition, throwing and jumping. At the end of the unit the focus will be to bring together the suggested sequence of learning for jumping, throwing and running into a mini athletics competition.

BRITISH VALUES

We will be looking at democracy this term and completing tasks around this. This work will be completed following the SATs tests.

We look forward to celebrating many great achievements in and out of the classroom with your children throughout the coming term!

As always, do not hesitate to contact any of us about anything in order to support your lovely children through this last term with us.

Many thanks,

As always please contact us with any problem, big or small, by text or email to the office.

Mrs Horne & Mrs Mariou :)

