



St. John's Primary School

# Curriculum Newsletter



Date: August 2024 – November 2024

Please read this edition of our newsletter detailing some of the main points of learning in the coming weeks.

## LITERACY AND ENGLISH

### Primary 1

Using FLIPP (Foundation of Literacy in Primary 1 Pack) pupils will explore a variety of stories, songs, nursery rhymes and poems to strengthen their phonological awareness. Pupils will then be introduced to their alphabet sounds and Rigby Star Pink Level books.

### Primary 2

Pupils will continue to learn through Active Literacy, building their knowledge of joined phonemes (two or more letters together that make one sound). They will continue to develop their reading skills using Rigby Star and StoryWorld books.

### Primary 3

Learners will begin Stage 3 of Active Literacy, learning more joined phonemes, using many spelling strategies, including Elkonin Boxes to familiarise themselves with new sounds and tricky Common Words. They will continue to progress with Rigby Star books, moving onto Skinny Novels later in the school year.

### Talk for Writing

Primary 1/2/3 will begin with Brian Bear's Picnic and move onto the Cumulative tale of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We will use what we have learned in our Storytelling and fiction block to create a non-fiction persuasive text.

### Helpful hints to support learning at home -

- Read to your child as much as possible.
- Practice their sounds daily.

## NUMERACY AND MATHEMATICS

### Primary 1

Pupils will be learning numbers to 10. They will be practising the correct number formation, counting items, using a number line and other concrete materials. They will move onto Addition and Subtraction to 10.

### Primary 2

Pupils will learn how to add and subtract within 20. Building on their CPA (concrete materials, pictorial and abstract) Approach, pupils will use a variety of strategies to solve calculations.

### Primary 3

Learners will be familiarising themselves with numbers up to 1000 and continuing to develop counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.

### WIDER MATHS

2D Shape and 3D Objects

### Helpful hints to support learning at home -

- Play number and counting games.
- Identify and discuss numbers in the environment and what they mean, e.g. road signs, prices in shops etc.
- Ask your child some simple mental calculations.

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL  
IF YOU CAN HELP WITH ANY  
ASPECT OF LEARNING –  
RESOURCES, SPEAKERS, IDEAS.  
ALL WELCOME!

## INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING

WE NEED YOU!



People, Past Events and Societies

### **The Swingin' Sixties**

Whole School Vertical Topic

Are there any family members or friends who are interested coming into the school to speak to the pupils about life, toys and games in the 1960s?  
Does anyone have any pictures or items that they can show us?