



# St. George's Church of England Primary School

## Learning for Life

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### Autumn Term (1) CLASS LETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the start of a new school year. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school. This letter contains all the information you need to know about your child's learning for the coming half term, including how you can support your child's learning at home.



### PATHFINDERS 'FIND A WAY!'

- Innovative
- Decisive
- Creative
- Independent

### DIMENSIONS LEARNING MEANS THE WORLD

This half term we will be starting by studying our new Dimensions unit- Internation Media Station. This unit is based on media and broadcasting, with a key focus on history, through which pupils will learn about early methods of communication, leading to the invention of both the television and radio. Pupils will develop confidence in speaking and listening, through opportunities to work on their own broadcasts. We will be looking at how TV and radio have changed through the times as well as giving it a go ourselves. We will be using lots of technology to support us too; creating radio broadcasts, weather channels, and our own TV shows.

### MATHS

#### What we're studying

Over this half term, we will be looking at counting accurately and Place Value. This will include counting and positioning numbers up to 100 on a number line, recognising tens and ones, using a tens frame and place value chart, comparing numbers and counting in increments of 2, 5 and 10. We will then be moving on to addition and subtraction.

#### Suggested home activities

To help support your child at home, why not try recognising numbers when you are out and about or around the home. What numbers can you see? What would be 1 more than that number or 1 less?

You could also try making your own 1 - 20 number line at home.

## ENGLISH

### What we're studying

This half term we will be looking at some key texts and building our understanding of sentence structure and punctuation. We will be starting by reading a lovely text called 'Hello Friend'. This is a great story focusing on how to make friends and share. We will be learning how to write in role and accurately build a sentence. We will also be looking at another great story 'Look Up!'. This text will encourage children to reflect on goals and ambitions. We will be looking at persuasive writing and linking this book to our Dimensions learning by creating our own press conference.

### Suggested home activities

To help support your child at home, why not try creating some speech bubbles and getting your children to fill them in with a response.

Also in your child's reading folder, you will find a list of high frequency words and common exception words. These are there for you to practice with the children whenever you can.

## OTHER SUBJECTS

**Art-** In art we will be looking at the use of colour and how this affects or changes an image, exploring a variety of mixed media. We will also be looking at animation and how animation – we will be having a go at some simple animation techniques.

**Music-** In music we will be looking at radio jingles with the aim of playing and creating our own jingles. We will be using some favourite nursery rhymes and tunes to re-create our own.

**PSHE-** In our PSHE learning, we will be looking at E-Safety and how to keep ourselves safe online. We will also be exploring how to express our opinions and feelings with compassion.

**ICT-** During our ICT learning, we will be building up our basic skills of operating a computer and use algorithms.

## HOME LEARNING ARRANGEMENTS

### **Home Learning-**

Home learning will continue to be set on Mondays with a hard copy being handed out in the children's homework folder. Please make sure children have handed in their home learning by Monday morning as this gives Mrs Elliott time to mark and send home the next one. We always remind children throughout the day on Monday and we ensure that everyone has new homework on Monday regardless of whether they have handed in their folder or not. So please always check book bags just in case your child's folder was not handed in.

Feedback will be given to children verbally about their homework however it will be stamped by Mrs Elliott to acknowledge homework has been handed in.

**Homework will rotate between high frequency words, Maths and English tasks allowing the children the opportunity to practice a variety of their skills.**

**Reading-**

Reading is an incredibly important skill to develop and at St George's we recognise the time and effort that it takes to become a good reader. To help your child to progress, please read with your child at least 5 times a week. Mrs Pryer will check reading records every Friday.

**Reading books-**

Reading books will be changed weekly as follows: -

Read Write Inc. book bag books to be changed on Monday

Read Write Inc. Paper books to be changed on Friday

Oxford Owl staged book linked to their RWInc level to be changed on Friday.

Please note-If your child has completed the Read, Write, Inc programme they will be part of our Literacy and Language group and will only have one longer book to take home for reading, changed on Monday.

**Children should only have these books in their bags; please ensure your child returns their books so that others can enjoy them.**

**PE/FOREST SCHOOL**

PE will be on a **Tuesday** afternoon.

Forest school will re-start for Pathfinders on **Wednesday** mornings so please send the children into school in their Forest school clothes. Please be aware that as autumn arrives, Forest school will continue whatever the weather so please ensure children have appropriate wet weather clothes.

**COMMUNICATION**

We are looking forward to working with you all this year and it is very important to us that you are able to communicate and contact us when needed.

For quick, day-to-day classroom matters please contact us via Seesaw or at the beginning/end of the day, an adult will also be at the door for drop off and pick up.

For queries, questions or concerns, please make an appointment to meet with us or have a phone call via the school office.

We will respond to your queries as soon as we are able to, but please keep in mind that we may not be able to check or respond to SeeSaw while we are teaching. So if matters are urgent, please contact the school office.

Kind regards  
Mrs Elliott and Mrs Pryer