St. George's Church of England Primary School

Learning for Life

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Autumn 1 CLASS LETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this half-term's class letter. 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.



DIMENSIONS LEARNING MEANS THE WORLD

This half term we will begin exploring our new Dimensions unit- Picture our Planet. During this unit, the children will be exploring different places across the world, including Fiji, Brazil and Scotland. The children will explore the geography, traditions and culture of these places, finding out about the different human and physical features within these countries. They will also be learning about sound, exploring how we hear sound and carrying out an investigation to explore this.

MATHS

What we're studying	Suggested home activities
Over this half term, we will be looking at Place Value and Addition and subtraction. In our place Value unit, we will begin looking at numbers up to 1,000 for Year 3 and up to 10,000 for Year 4. We will be portioning, rounding and representing these numbers in different ways. When we move on to addition and subtraction Year 3 will focus on adding ones, tens, hundreds and thousands and Year 4 will focus on formal methods to add and subtract larger	To help support your child at home you could look out for larger numbers that you might see in your everyday life and ask the children to explain to you how the number is broken down into its thousands, hundreds, tens and ones. Don't forget MyMaths also has lots of fun exciting activities and games to access too.

numbers and how to use the inverse operation to check our answers.	

ENGLISH

What we're studying	Suggested home activities
This half term we will be exploring Pebble in my pocket. This text traces the life story of one small pebble to show how Earth constantly changes. We will study grammar concepts such as: Adjectives, Verbs, nouns, conjunctions and fronted adverbials and focus on figurative language such as expanded noun phrases and similes.	To help support your child at home, encourage them to write stories from their imagination. We will also be sending home weekly spellings These are there for you to practice with the children whenever you can. We will be doing spelling checks across the year to see how the children are progressing with these words.

OTHER SUBJECTS

My Happy Mind –The theme for this half term is 'Meet Your Brain' which teaches the children about how the brain works and how we can look after our brains so that we can manage our emotions and be at our best.

ICT- The children will begin building their skills in scratch. They will learn about algorithms and how to create their own instructions in scratch. They will explore how to use sound, movement, sprites and backgrounds within scratch and will even create their own musical instrument using scratch.

Science- We will be focusing on sound. The children will be learning to ask relevant questions and recognise what constitutes a fair test. We will discuss how sound is made and investigate this using fair testing.

DT- As part of our dimensions unit, the children will have the opportunity to use junk modelling. We will explore different joints to use before the children plan, execute and review their builds.

RE- In our RE lessons, we will be developing our understanding of Christianity through different stories within the bible and discussing the core beliefs of Christianity.

HOME LEARNING ARRANGEMENTS

Home learning will be set on FRIDAY.
Homework will rotate between spellings and My Maths tasks allowing the children the opportunity to practise a variety of their skills. Maths tasks will be set on My Maths- which is automatically marked online. Spelling words will be sent home also. Feedback will be given to children verbally about their homework.
Reading-

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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. Reading records will be checked during the week and we will endeavour to ensure that all the class are heard read by an adult at least once a week.
We really appreciate your help and support when reading with your children at home. We know that life is busy but squeezing in a couple of pages really helps your child's reading and comprehension skills grow and develop.

PE/FOREST SCHOOL

Forest schools will be on a **Monday morning**. Please note this will start on Monday 14th September. PE will be on a **Tuesday morning** this term with the Junior Jam coaches. Please continue to send your child in correct PE uniform on these days.

COMMUNICATION

I am looking forward to working with you all this term. 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 me via **Seesaw**. At the beginning of the day, an adult will also be at the door for drop off for quick messages.
For queries, questions or concerns, **please make an appointment via the office** to meet with me or have a phone call via the school office.
I will respond to your queries as soon as I am able to, but please keep in mind that I will not be able to check or respond to Seesaw while I am teaching. So, if matters are urgent, please contact the school office. Please see the Home School Communication letter from Mrs Keitch for further information.