



St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

Year 5 Autumn Term 2026 –Curriculum Information

We ♥
Maths

We are all
writers ...



We are growing
our learning

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English

During API, Year 5 will be focusing on various text types linked to specific books we use in daily shared reading. They will be writing with a focus on audience and purpose and using the TAF to support this during each Road to Writing.

Over the assessment period, we will be reading Kensuke's Kingdom and Neil Armstrong-Little People Big Dreams.

In the first half term, the children will be doing a piece of descriptive writing, as well as writing a vlog and an adventure story. After half term we will be writing a biography about Neil Armstrong, a non-chronological report on their own planet and Christmas themed poetry.

Children will be exposed to some Words of the Week. These, along with their spellings, will expand their vocabulary again supporting them in their independent writing.

Children will also have regular grammar input, within their English lessons, focussing on varying features that will be used in their independent writing. They will cover the use of fronted adverbials, conjunctions and pronouns to aid cohesion, up-levelling vocabulary and using inverted commas correctly in speech.

Spellings will be given at the start of the term and will be practised each week with their test being on a Friday.

Handwriting will be taught through the Letter-Join scheme. **There will be an information session for parents to attend on Tuesday 15th September At AF site at 2:30pm.**

Reading records will be sent home for children and parents to record their weekly reading. In school, children will learnt comprehension skills to further understand a range of texts.

Mathematics

In mathematics, children will follow the White Rose Maths blocks topics. This will be supported through other methods of exploring maths including bar modelling.

This assessment period they will learning about number and place value, addition and subtraction methods followed by multiplication and division methods and fractions. Alongside this, children will complete and explore reasoning questions in order to deepen understanding and improve their explanation .

Computing

In the first half term, the focus will be introducing computer systems. The second half term will be based on Video Production.

As a school we are focusing on online safety weekly. We will be covering how to communicate online responsibly, keeping our profiles safe and secure and selecting reliable sources of information.

Music

The children will be listening, singing, playing, composing and performing to a variety of different songs and exploring Music Technology.

The children will be looking at a special Hans Zimmer composition, how this links with Earth and experiment with creating their own music with a theme of space.

They will also be using glockenspiels, thinking about the question "how does music improve our world?"

Science

The children will be learning about different Forces, such as Gravity, Air Resistance, Water Resistance and Friction and learning to understand through practical investigations.

They will also be learning about Earth and Space. This will include studying the movement of Earth and the planets relative to the sun, the movement of the moon relative to Earth and how the Earth's rotation causes day and night.

PSHE-SCARF

For PSHE we will be following the SCARF scheme of learning.

The half term, children will focus on Me and My Relationships, where children will explore communication, friendships and emotions.

In the second half term, we will focus on Valuing Difference, where children will explore and celebrate the different groups making up their school and wider communities and being kind and empathetic to all.

Religious Education

Our RE from this year, will be enquiry led focussing on two questions, one per half term.

Enquiry 1-Is believing in God reasonable?

Enquiry 2-How has belief impacted on Music and Art throughout history?

Physical Education (PE)

This term the children will be swimming weekly on a Wednesday morning for 10 weeks. The children will also be exploring dance and movement in the first half term, followed by squash in the second half term. Please ensure children come in dressed in their full PE kits.

Geography

The children will learn how the world is divided into sections. They will be identifying the position and significance of longitude and latitude, Equator, Northern and Southern hemisphere.

History

This assessment period we will be exploring Anglo Saxons and Vikings. We will be looking at a timeline, researching well known figures of the period and comparing the beliefs of both.

Art

We will be exploring how we can create typography through drawing and design and use our skills to create personal and highly visual maps.

Design & Technology

The children will be developing their sewing skills by using textiles to create soft toys. They will be designing their soft toys before cutting out panels and using strong and secure blanket stitches.

Spanish

This term, the children will continue to learn the phonetics and pronunciations in Spanish, as well as how to say the date. They will also learn about items from tearooms, cafés and restaurants.