




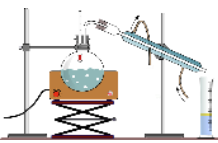


Year 2 Curriculum Autumn Term 2023




Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of the school year. We are extremely excited to share with you all the fantastic learning opportunities we will be experiencing this term.

Detailed below are the areas we are covering this term and suggestions of how you can help at home:

Subject	Information	How you can help
English 	This term, In English we will read and study the traditional tale 'The Gingerbread Man' and the fiction story 'Once Upon an Ordinary School Day'. Through these texts we will be covering the writing genres of narrative and instructional writing.	Please listen to your child read as often as possible and ask questions about the text as this really makes a difference to their learning. Please help them learn their weekly spellings and record any reading in their diaries.
Phonics 	We follow a scheme called Rocket Phonics to support the children with early reading and the children's reading levels are based on this. This year we focus on trickier graphemes, homophones and split digraphs and writing and identifying these within sentences. The phonemes that we learn to segment and blend this term are: ai, ee, igh, oa,	Please listen to your child read as much as possible – each evening would be preferred. Please record this in the reading diaries even if it just the name of the adult acknowledging that reading took place. Phonics Resources on our website: https://stmaryssoutham.org.uk/phonics
Maths 	This term, we are focusing on place value by making numbers up to 100, including but not limited to estimation, partitioning and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will also compare amounts of objects and numbers and look at how to write numbers in numerals and words.	Please continue to access homework each week and speak to your child about their learning. A huge proportion of learning this term focusses on making 10 from a group of individual objects (ones) so I would recommend reinforcing this concept at home.
Science 	In Science, we will be studying 'Animals and their needs'. We will learn about the needs of Mammals, Birds, Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles and Humans and compare these.	Please discuss with your child the needs of all Animals. We would welcome any resources brought in to extend the children's learning.
Topic	Our topic this term is 'School Days'. It is primarily a History topic and we will learn about how classrooms and schools differ from their modern-day	Should you have any historical artefacts or photographs that would enrich the children's learning, we



	counterparts. We will look into the history of St Mary's Catholic School and the local town of Southam and how both have changed in past years.	would gratefully receive these and take very good care of them.
Computing 	We will be linking our computing work to all areas of the curriculum where possible. We will be using the internet to research and support our topic and science work as well as reinforcing E-Safety during these lessons.	Please discuss how to keep safe online.
RE 	This term, we are learning about the stories and prayers of the Old Testament. This unit is designed to give children some insight into the stories and the characters of the Old Testament. It will also introduce them to important images of God found in the scriptures.	Discuss learning at home, allowing and encouraging time for reflection.
PE 	I will be teaching PE on a Thursday afternoon covering a range of games skills. Coach Sage from Kits will deliver PE on a Friday afternoon.	Please make sure your child has appropriate PE kit in school for these sessions.
Music	During music sessions this term, we will be learning about South African music and Freedom Songs. We will also learn about Nelson Mandela as a famous and influential person in our lifetimes.	Speak to your child about their Musical learning and research some known South African and Freedom Songs via YouTube or Google.

Please ensure all reading books are in school daily. Children will receive homework and spellings on a Monday with any work due the following Monday.

Thank you for your continued support, it is so appreciated. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any queries, worries or concerns. Either speak to me on the playground or feel free to email me directly on russell.g2@welearn365.com – I will try my best to reply during the hours of 8.00am to 4.00pm.

Thank you,
Mr G Russell