

# St Martin's

Church of England Primary Academy

Year 1/2

## English

In English, children will be developing their understanding of basic sentence structures, learning how to use capital letters, finger spaces, and full stops to form simple, clear sentences. They are also beginning to expand their writing by adding adjectives, conjunctions, and varied punctuation to make their work more interesting. As part of their learning, children will explore writing narratives through the story of Rapunzel. This familiar and engaging tale provides the perfect opportunity for them to retell events in sequence, describe characters and settings, and begin creating their own imaginative versions of the story.

## Maths

This term in maths, children will focus on developing their understanding of place value and using this knowledge to support addition and subtraction. They will work with numbers up to 100, learning to recognise the value of tens and ones and represent numbers in different ways, such as with dienes, number lines, and place value charts. Children will practise comparing and ordering numbers, as well as counting forwards and backwards in steps of 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s. Building on this, they will begin to solve addition and subtraction problems using practical methods and mental strategies.

## Science

In Science this autumn term, children will be exploring the topic of materials. They will learn to identify and name a variety of everyday materials, such as wood, plastic, glass, metal, and rock. Through hands-on investigations, they will explore the properties of these materials, including whether they are hard or soft, stretchy or stiff, shiny or dull, and waterproof or absorbent. Children will discuss why different materials are chosen for specific purposes and begin to make simple comparisons. This topic encourages curiosity, observation, and questioning, helping children to develop important scientific skills and understanding.

Welcome back to Class 2! I hope you all had a great summer, and I am so excited to begin a brand-new school year together. Over the autumn term, we will be exploring some exciting new topics across our subjects. I know the children are ready to learn, grow, and embrace all the challenges and fun ahead.

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## **Geography**

In Geography, children will be learning all about the world around them. They will develop new skills, explore compass points, and begin to identify continents, building their knowledge and curiosity about places near and far.

## **History**

We will be learning all about the Great Fire of London in History. Children will explore how the fire started, why it spread so quickly, while developing an understanding of life in the past.

## **RE**

In R.E, children will be learning about Christianity, focusing on who God is and why he is important to Christians. They will explore stories, celebrations, and symbols to develop their understanding of faith and belief.

## **PSHE**

In PSHE, children will explore goals, rights, and responsibilities, recognising how our actions affect others. We will also celebrate differences, learning about bullying, diversity, and inclusion.

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## **Art**

Children will explore monochromatic art by experimenting with different styles of drawing, from simple doodles to geometric patterns. They will learn to use one colour in varied ways, practise describing artistic styles, and begin developing their own creative approaches.

## **Music**

In Music, children will practise singing for the school nativity, using a variety of techniques to improve pitch, rhythm, and expression. They will build confidence performing as a group while enjoying the excitement of preparing for this special event.

## **DT**

Through a variety of creative and practical activities, pupils will be taught the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to engage in the interactive process of designing, making and evaluating.

## **Computing**

Children will be learning about computer safety. Exploring how to use devices responsibly and learning simple rules, like keeping passwords private, asking an adult before sharing information, and understanding safe websites, building early digital awareness and confidence.

## **PE**

In PE, we will develop strength, balance, and control through body management. We will also learn strategies, and skills to be able to control objects which will help support children in various other areas in P.E.