

St Martin's

Church of England Primary Academy

Year 1 / Year 2

English

In reading, we will continue to develop our reading skills in our Read Write Inc. lessons, building fluency, comprehension, and confidence. In writing, we will learn the key 'ingredients' of a sentence using Colourful Semantics to help us structure and extend our ideas. Year 2 pupils will focus on controlling their sentence writing, adding relevant detail through adjectives and conjunctions to create clear, fluent, and engaging pieces of writing. Throughout the term, we will develop speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills through a range of exciting texts and learning opportunities.

Maths

In Maths, we will develop our understanding of number through counting, place value, addition, and subtraction. We will use practical resources and problem-solving activities to build confidence and fluency with numbers. We will also explore shape, pattern, and measure, comparing lengths, mass, and capacity. We will be encouraged to explain our thinking, spot patterns, and apply our mathematical skills in a range of exciting and meaningful contexts, helping us to become confident and resilient mathematicians.

Science

Everyday Materials

In this exciting science unit, we will become materials investigators, helping Blot the alien discover the properties of everyday materials such as wood, metal, plastic, glass, rubber, rock, fabric, paper, and brick. We will sort, compare, and test materials, explore how they can be bent, stretched, twisted, and squashed, and solve practical challenges such as choosing the best material for an umbrella. Through hands-on investigations, we will learn why different materials are suitable for different purposes.

Welcome back!

It has been fantastic to welcome all the 'new' Year 1s and Year 2s back after the summer break. On the following two pages, you will find an overview of the autumn curriculum for Class 2 - if you have any questions, please feel free to speak to Miss Melding.

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Geography

In our geography units, we will explore our school and local area through observation, mapping, and data collection. We will learn about maps, symbols, directions, seasons, the UK's four countries, continents, and global weather, developing an understanding of place, location, and the wider world.

History

We will learn about famous explorers from the past, including Charles Darwin, Neil Armstrong, Ibn Battuta, Roald Amundsen, Sylvia Earle, and Edmund Hillary. We will explore why people discover new places, compare different journeys, and consider the future of exploration on Earth and beyond.

RE

This term, we will be introduced to the beliefs, values, and traditions of Islam. We will learn about the Five Pillars, the Shahada, prophets, zakat, and the Muslim community (ummah), exploring how beliefs influence daily life, birth celebrations, caring for others, and living in harmony with the world.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will learn about ourselves, our place in the school community, and what makes each person special. We will explore ways to build positive relationships, celebrate differences, show kindness and respect, and understand how our actions can help create a happy, inclusive environment for everyone.

Art

This term, we will be exploring **monochromatic art**. We will be using pencils to create lines, shapes, and shading. We will develop early drawing skills, explore the work of different artists, and discover how drawing can be used to communicate ideas, tell stories, and express creativity.

Music

This term in music we will develop singing, listening, performing, and composing skills through creative, practical activities. Within our three units of work, we will explore rhythm, melody, instruments, sound effects, and musical storytelling while building confidence, creativity, and musical understanding.

DT

We will design and make a moving toy using recycled materials, exploring wheels and axles, construction techniques, and decoration. We will develop skills in planning, building, testing, and evaluating our work while considering strength, balance, safety, and the needs of the user.

Computing

In Computing, we will explore the technology around us and learn how to use it safely and responsibly. We will identify different types of technology and discover how they help us every day. We will also create digital artwork, using a range of tools to design pictures and develop our creativity.

PE

In PE this autumn, we will develop our running, jumping, balancing, throwing, and catching skills through fun games and challenges. We will build confidence, coordination, and teamwork while learning to move safely and control our bodies. We will also enjoy creative movement and dance activities.