ST. JOHN'S C. OF E.
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Working within the context of Christian beliefs and practice:

At St John's our children and their families always come first.

We value our children's feelings, creativeness and success in their learning equally, helping each child's love of learning grow, whilst also developing their interior posture.

At St John's our Core Christian Values are

Compassion Interior Posture

Wisdom Courage and Endurance

Life in all its fullness at its heart

John 10:10

Year 2 Autumn 2
Beech & Sycamore

Adults who work in our Year Group

Miss Holbert  Beech Teacher	Miss Gledhill  Sycamore Teacher	Mrs Clark  HLTA	Miss Coleman  Learning Mentor	Mrs Shields  Lead Learning Mentor
Mr Purdy  Learning Support Assistant	Mrs Simpson  Learning Support Assistant	Miss Webb  Learning Support Assistant	Miss Adiova  Learning Support Assistant	Miss Hamill  KS1 Phase Leader

	Mrs Mitchell  Music Teacher	Mr Firth  PE Teacher	Mrs Baker  SENDCO	
	Miss Fisher  Cover Supervisor	Miss Simpson  Cover Supervisor	Mrs Hanif  Cover Supervisor	

English
We will start the half term by focusing on practising and developing our handwriting especially letter formation. Lots of children are still focussing on forming many letters correctly so we are going to reteach basic letter formation before applying it through a series of dictations. This half term we will also be introducing a new picture book. We will spend time focusing on reading skills including prediction before focusing comprehension, particularly improving our retrieval and inference skills. We will continue to practise the writing skills we have developed so far in year two including using different sentence types and correct punctuation, using expanded noun phrases to add description and extending our sentences using a range of conjunctions. We will also continue to develop our independent editing skills, to improve our writing. We will continue to learn to read and write Year 2 Common Exception Words.
Maths
This half term, we will continue to practise addition and subtraction, then we will be focussing on multiplication and division. We will be working on multiplication and division using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays. We will be using our knowledge of multiplication and division to solve problems. We will be learning our 2, 5 and 10 timetables developing our ability to recall facts quickly.
Science
In Science this term, we will be learning about materials. We will test a range of materials and investigate which material would be best to protect the three little pigs!
Religious Education
This half term, our topic in RE will be 'Incarnation – Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' We will be focussing on Christianity and learning

about the Christmas story. We will be thinking, talking and asking questions about why Christmas is such an important time for Christians and why it is central to the Christian faith. This will deepen their understanding of the Incarnation topic done in Year 1.

Personal Social Health Education

Our topic in PSHE this term is Celebrating Difference. We will begin by thinking about the stereotypes of boys and girls and understand that we are all different and that is OK. We will identify similarities and differences between ourselves and our classmates. We will then think about how we can be accepting of others and how it might feel if people are not accepting of us and our differences. We will discuss ways to develop and show our acceptance of others and their differences as we celebrate our unique and diverse classes!

Computing

Our focus in Computing is on sound. We will be using two apps on the iPads called Keezy and Launchpad. We will be learning how to record sound effects and create loops. Our final outcome will be to create a piece of music which includes the use of voice. Our e-safety will be looking at how to stay safe when playing games.

Curriculum

In History, we will be studying the Great Fire of London and exploring a range of different sources of evidence. We will learn about some of the key people involved in the Great Fire of London. We will be learning about the start of the fire and how it spread across London. We will be thinking about why it was able to spread so quickly and the changes that occurred afterwards to ensure London was much safer. We will be visiting Bolling Hall Museum as part of our History topic, further information will be on the school newsletter.

Our focus in Design and Technology will be Textiles. We will be investigating, evaluating, designing and making hand puppets. Children will explore different methods of joining material before generating designs and making their own product. Children will be encouraged to evaluate as they go.

Music

Children will learn their songs for the Christmas session at St Christophers learning to tell stories through music and looking at how pitch and rhythm work together to create melodies. We will explore the idea of dynamics and tempo and how changes in these can affect the meaning of our performance.

Physical Education

This half term, we will be focusing on developing their Agility, Balance and Coordination. The children will develop these skills in a range of activities such as mini circuits and small sided games. The children will continue to develop their fundamental movements skills and object control.

Additional Information

Our Library day is on a Wednesday for Sycamore and a Thursday for Beech. Please encourage your child to have their chosen Library book with them on this day.

Children should come to school in their PE kit, including the green school hoodie. **Beech PE day is Wednesday and Sycamore PE day is Thursday.** Each half term we find a large amount of uniform and PE kits without name labels. **Please help us by making sure every item sent into school is clearly labelled with your child's full name.**

Please read with your child every day. It is extremely valuable as this will help them build confidence and fluency. Their reading book is changed every Monday in school.

For additional reading, please access Oxford Owl and login with the details below. A wide range of e-books are available! Read, Write Inc. books will match your child's reading book and phonics group.

https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/login?active-tab=students

Please log in as a student
Username: stjohnsce23
Password: BD46JF

Please encourage your child to practise their passport skills at home using passport practise sheets which are on the back of their passport tests. TT Rockstars practise will also help children with their mental maths recall. Please let us know if you need their login and password.

At the start of each half term, we will upload knowledge organisers to the school website for families to access. Please read these with your children as this will help the knowledge to stick. We do quizzes in school based on these weekly.

Your child's class teacher can be contacted on the below email. Please note these emails will be read between the hours of 8:30am and 4pm each day. Responses to emails will be made within 2 working days.

Year 2 Sycamore - **year2.sycamore@stj.bdat-academies.org**
Year 2 Beech - **year2.beech@stj.bdat-academies.org**

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Holbert and Miss Gledhill

Online Safety

We value the importance of eSafety at St John's CE Primary. Click the image to take you to our dedicated page on the school website. You can also find updated support through the app on the 'Content' page.



Here is a link to reading, writing and maths homework sheets on the school website. The sheets detail which sounds, words and questions children need to read for their phonics/reading level. The writing sheet shows the tricky words they need to learn and an example sentence. The maths sheet includes the strategies we use for calculations.

St Johns CE Primary School - Homework