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Reading is an important focus in Year 2 and throughout the whole of St Martin's so your child will be sent home with a reading book each week. For some children they will be moving away from the RWI/phonics books to an Accelerated Reader book which is the next stage in their reading journey. Their book will be changed during our reading sessions in class after the completion of an online comprehension quiz. The children will bring these books home and when they have read to a grown up their white reading records must be signed.

For the children staying on the phonics books, their book will be changed on a Monday or when the child has completed their book with a grown up at home. Please make sure that you sign their white reading record when you have listened to them read.

We will be sending homework home in their green home learning journal each week. This will include one piece of English, which may be a written task, one piece of Maths and one other from our wider curriculum. Please encourage your child to complete the homework task and offer support where necessary. Home learning journals are an extension of their classroom learning and can be beneficial to offer pre-learning or consolidation of learning from the classroom. If there are any problems, feel free to ask.

Don't forget...

Your child will have PE on Wednesday each week. They should have the appropriate kit which includes; t-shirt, shorts and school joggers. Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate footwear and, if your child wears earrings, they are removed before the session. If your child is unable to remove earrings on their own, please ensure this is done at home.

Year 2 Curriculum Leaflet

It's the summer term!

WOW! It is the summer term already and it is your child's final term in Key Stage One before they transition into members of Key Stage Two. To prepare them for the change in key stages we have some amazing things planned which will support, inspire and engage them in their learning. The summer term will start off with the National SATS tests which the children have worked exceptionally hard for. The government tests, along with teacher assessment, will be used to measure the children's progress at the end of Key Stage One.

There will be a continued focus on you supporting their learning at home and this leaflet will provide you with information about all of the exciting things your child will be learning at school and suggest areas where you can support them at home.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Mrs Tomkinson
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Thematic

Our thematic topic is The Enchanted Forest and then for the second half term it is; Are you fit for Royalty?

We will use our geography skills to navigate the school grounds before continuing our observational skills through art and design by creating our own version of the front cover of the Anthony Brown book – Into the forest. The Queen’s jubilee which is happening at the end of this half term will lead us into the Are you fit for Royalty topic where we will look at creating our own royal portraits in the style of Gustav Klimt.

English

Our focus this half term is The Enchanted Forest; we will be using Anthony Brown’s book - Into the forest as inspiration to write our own traditional stories during our writing lessons. We will focus on using story telling language and different sentence types to make our stories more interesting and engaging. We will concentrate on the forest aspect and write a list poem about seasonal changes and finally we will adapt the story The Day the Crayons Quit into The Day the Trees Quit, with a focus on our impact on the environment and the wider world.

For the second half term we will be thinking about Kings and Queens. We will continue to write and develop traditional fairy tales and look at riddles in poetry. We will enjoy stories about dashing princes and beautiful and brave princesses to inspire our writing.



Maths

The summer term will start off with looking at fractions. The children will be learning about halves and quarters of a number starting off using practical resources before moving to a pictorial approach. We will also look at fractions of a shape.

Our focus will then be to consolidate the four operations and make sure that the children are secure in their knowledge of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication maths stories.

They will work through a range of word problems and reasoning questions to make sure that they have a deep understanding of each of the four operations.

Science

Science will play an important role in the first half of the term. The children will be learning about the changes of the seasons and how this affects the temperature and the length of the day.

We will look at the structure and features of flowering plants and trees. We will consider the variety of trees that are in the school grounds and further afield. We will use our forest at school for observations and inspiration.

For the second half of the term we will look at seeds and plants and how bulbs grow into mature plants. We will discuss how plants can stay healthy and use our observational skills to grow our own seeds.



RE & PSHE

This half term we will be thinking about the big question, What is the good news that Jesus brings? We will look at the stories from the Old and New Testament and examine the stories told by different disciples of Jesus. We will be considering why Jesus chose to be the friend to the friendless and we will think about our own school Christian values of compassion and friendship.

Our PSHE will cover Health and Wellbeing and we will talk about how to keep ourselves healthy including how to keep our body clean and stay hygienic.