



This term our values will be

kindness and responsibility.

Dates for your diary:

PE days : Wednesdays and Fridays

Forest School (group 1 only): Tuesdays

Flu Immunisation: Wednesday 8th October

Harvest Service: Thursday 24th October (10am)

Half term (school closed): Monday 27th-Friday 31st October

INSET DAYS (school closed): Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th November

Key learning (Autumn 1)

This half term we will be focusing on one texts: Birds of Prey, The Frog Prince and There was an Old Woman who Swallowed a Fly. We will be writing instructions to build a den, exploring the human body and seasonal changes in science. We will be mapping the school in geography.

As **readers** we will:

- Continue to develop our fluency through daily phonics sessions, and also build on our understanding through story time texts.

As **writers** we will write:

- Narrative traditional tales
- Instruction texts (non-fiction)
- Non – chronological reports

As **geographers** we will learn:

- What physical and human features are
- What St Johns school is like and how we can tell from a map (fieldwork and enquiry)
- What different features can be found in our school grounds
- How to make our own maps

As **historians** we will:

- Understand what happened on the 5th November
- Understand who was involved in the gunpowder plot
- Know why the gunpowder plot happened
- Know why we celebrate Remembrance day

Key Learning (Autumn 2)

This half term we will be focusing on the texts: Peace at Last, Bears and Traction Man and Historical events such as Remembrance Day and the gunpowder plot. In science we will be learning about different materials.

As **scientists** we will learn:

- The names and properties of different materials
- Why we use different materials for different purposes
- How to use scientific investigations to answer scientific questions
- About parts of our body and our senses
- About different animal food chains and habitats

As **mathematicians** we will learn:

- Place value (numbers to 10)
- Addition and subtraction within 10
- Shape

We will also learn **Art** (using different materials and methods), **DT** (structures and frame structures), **RE** (Christianity: Why do Christians call God "creator"?), **PSHE**, **Music**, **Computing** and **PE**.

How you can help at home:

- Make sure your child reads aloud to you daily and that you record it in their reading record (5 times a week).
- Make sure your child is getting good night's sleep.
- Use Numbots to practise their number skills.
- Ensure earrings are out and hair is tied up on PE days.
- Label children's clothes.
- Send reading records in every day.
- Encourage children to do a show and tell on a Friday (you can send photographs directly to me for the children to show- asabin@stjohnsknaphill.co.uk)