



**ST JOHN'S**  
A PRIORY ACADEMY

# Curriculum Newsletter – Year 1

## Summer 2

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Tolerance**

Dear Families,

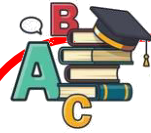
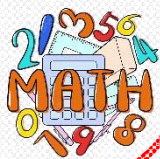
We are looking forward to the new term. Here is an overview of the learning we will be covering. We hope you will be able to support your child's learning at home by reading with them and talking about the work they are doing in class.

### Maths

We will be exploring numbers to 100 including counting from 50-100, partitioning numbers into 10's and 1's and looking at number lines. We will also compare and find 1 more or 1 less than a given number. The children will be introduced to money and will look at different coins and notes and start to count amounts of coins to find a total. We will look at time, starting with days of the week and months of the year. The children will then look at clocks and find out about telling the time to the hour and half hour.

### Mental Maths

We will consolidate the mental maths skills covered so far this year.



### English

#### Reading

We will continue with our phonics learning and will be revising sounds taught so far in preparation for the Phonics Screening Check on the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June. We will become very familiar with our key texts this term: Lost and Found and Astro Girl. We will sequence events in the stories and retell them verbally. We will discuss the texts and answer comprehension questions using our retrieval, prediction and inference skills. We will continue to work on our reading fluency. We use repeated reading of texts to make sure we are reading smoothly and accurately. We will also focus on oracy-speaking clearly and confidently. We will create stick puppets and compose stories orally.

#### Writing

Our focus texts will be Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers and Astro Girl by Ken Wilson-Max. Our writing outcomes will be a story retell, and some instructions. We will continue to focus on correct letter formation and sizing of letters in handwriting. We will also be ensuring that common exception words are spelled correctly in our independent writing. We will continue to use our writing checklist to go back and correct any errors.

### Science



We will be learning all about plants this term. We will explore plants and flowers in our school grounds and learn the name of those commonly seen. We will learn about the different parts of plants and name them. We will use diagrams and real plants to help us to name the different parts of plants, including trees.

### PSHE

This term our learning is based around the topic Changing Me. We will start by looking at the life cycles of animals and humans. The children will think about themselves and what has changed and what has stayed the same. We will look at how our bodies have changed since we were a baby. Finally, we will explore how we change when we learn new things.





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This term we will develop our teamwork skills. The children will have the opportunity to work individually, in pairs and in small groups, learning to take turns, work collaboratively and lead each other. We will also learn about the principles of defending (fielding) and attacking (batting) for striking and fielding games. Children will use and develop skills such as throwing and catching, tracking a ball and striking a ball.

### History / Geography



We will be learning about explorers from the past and the present, including Christopher Columbus and Dame Ellen MacArthur.

We will learn how to use sources of information such as paintings and photographs to find out about the past. We will use the information we gather to sort them into explorers from the past or present. We will also learn about their achievements and why they are significant.

### Art / DT



We will be getting ready for Arts Week! Our theme is all about sea conservation.

We will be applying all our art skills from this year to create some amazing artwork. We will be using the artist Anya Brock to inspire some fish paintings, using our colour mixing skills. We will also create some observational drawings using our pencil skills.



### Music / Computing

In music this term we will be looking at Timbre and rhythmic patterns. We will look at out we can use our voices expressively to speak and chant. We will continue to learn songs in our weekly singing assemblies.



### RE

We will be continuing our learning about Islam and finding out about the creation story. We will link it to our learning about the Christian creation story. We will find out why Muslims think it is important to care for our planet. It also links to our Arts Week theme of sea conservation, as we will reflect on how we think we should treat our planet.

