



ST JOHN'S
A PRIORY ACADEMY

Curriculum Newsletter – Year 2

Spring 2

**Value of the term:
Self-discipline**

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

In our Maths lessons, we will be continuing our learning on multiplication and division. We will learn how to draw arrays and use them to help solve calculations.

We will begin to practise our times tables (2,5, and 10) and get our Times Table Rockstars passwords so we can compete against the other class!!

We will also start learning about fractions – both of shapes and numbers. We will learn how to cut things into half, quarters and thirds and use a bar model to help find fractions of numbers.



Reading

In reading, we will be reading a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts. We will re-read these texts several times to aim to build up our fluency and pace. We will be talking about any unknown words in the text to help us to build up our vocabulary and using evidence in the text to answer questions.

Writing

In our writing, we will be using three texts to inspire us- The Castle the King Built, The Knight who wouldn't fight and Zog. We will be writing a recount of our Lincoln Castle trip, planning our writing carefully to make sure we write the events in the correct order. We will be learning how to use apostrophes for contraction, making sure the apostrophe is in the correct place. We will be improving our proofreading and editing skills using tools such as word mats to check our spelling. We will be reading our writing out loud to check that it makes sense and we haven't missed any words. We will also be doing some descriptive writing, thinking carefully about how we choose interesting adjectives and expanded noun phrases for effect. We will also be learning about letter writing and writing a letter home from the knight.

English

Science



In Science, we will be learning about animals and humans, how they grow and keep healthy. We will be looking at some common animal life cycles. We will think about the basic needs of humans including healthy eating, exercise and keeping clean. We will look at how we can eat healthily, include exercise in our lives on a regular basis, and how to ensure we keep our bodies clean e.g. through washing our hands correctly. We will think about what an animal needs to survive, including food, water and air.

PSHE

In PSHE this term as part of our gender and relationship education, we will be continuing to explore the question – are we all the same? Children will begin by looking at the human lifecycle and thinking about how they have changed since being a baby. They will explore different needs and wants during each stage of the lifecycle and will begin to identify that people have different needs and require different types of care. Children will learn about different types of families and how their homelife is special.





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In PE we will be learning about both ball skills and invasion games. We will be thinking about how we can roll a ball to hit a target and how to stop a rolling ball. We will learn how to dribble a ball with our hands and feet, as well as kicking and throwing and catching skills. We will learn about defending and attacking skills. We will think about what possession in an invasion game means and how we can support our teammates. We will learn about scoring goals as an attacking skill and marking and stopping goals as defending skills.

History

In History we will be learning about all the amazing buildings in Lincoln. We are all very excited about our trip to the Castle and hope to be able to share what we have learnt at our class assembly. We will learn about a medieval castle and all the people who lived there.



DT

This term we will be learning about structures and stability before we design and make our very own throne fit for a king. We will learn how to fold or roll paper to make the strongest tubes that we can. Once our chairs are made, we will test their stability and strength by seeing how much each chair can hold!



Computing

In Computing this term, we will be learning about algorithms using Beebots and Scratch Jnr. We will plan routes for the Beebot, test our plans and then debug where needed to send the Beebot on the correct journey around a map. In Scratch Jnr, we will learn about sprites and how to change them. We will create different backgrounds and make our sprite move, change size and spin. Scratch Jnr and the Beebot app are available free on the Google Playstore and the Apple App store.

RE

In RE this term, we will be learning about Christianity. We will be learning about the story of Easter including Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection and learning to retell it. We will learn about what Jesus' resurrection means for Christians and thinking about our own thoughts on this. We will think about loss in our lives and how we can remember special people and things that we have lost. We will learn that different people have different beliefs and that this is ok and we need to respect this. We will look at signs and symbols of Easter and new life.

