Space

Year 2
Autumn 2026

'What was the Impact of Neil Armstrong and Helen Sharman in the World?'

Our Curriculum Heroes
Neil Armstrong
Mae Carrol Jemison
Helen Sharman



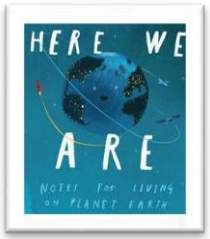


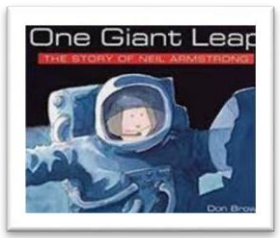
English

Children will write correctly punctuated sentences, using a wide range of vocabulary, building towards writing a narrative adventure story based upon 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers and a recount based upon Neil Armstrong.

Daily spelling teaching and handwriting sessions will enable children to spell confidently and to write legibly and fluently using a neat joined handwriting style.

Children will experience a wide variety of text types during our daily whole class reading sessions.









Maths

During the autumn term children will consolidate their learning from Year 1 before confidently moving on to more tricky concepts. The areas of maths we will cover are:-

- Number –Place Value
- Number –Addition and Subtraction
- Geometry – Shape

Support children at home by involving them in everyday maths tasks like shopping and cooking, Talk about days of the week, months of the year and times of day you complete certain activities.

At St John's we follow the White Rose schemes of learning for maths and teach using a mastery approach.

EVERYONE CAN DO MATHS: EVERYONE CAN!

Read with your child at least three times a week and record this in their journals. Reading books will be changed by class teachers on a Monday.
Children will take home a fully decodable reading book until their phonics knowledge is secure, this is to support your child in applying their increasing phonics knowledge and is in line with current DfE guidance.

Wider Curriculum

Through the wider curriculum we will introduce children to a wide range of subjects, enriching their knowledge of the world in which they live. Subjects will be taught through a combination of formal teaching and continuous provision where children will be able to enhance their knowledge independently by accessing carefully chosen resources and challenges. These subjects include:-

Geography – What does Earth look like from Space? Naming and locating the seven continents and five oceans.
History – Who was Neil Armstrong? Who is Helen Sharman? What were their achievements? How does this impact the world we live in today?
D&T – Harvest Soup- using cutting techniques. How to fold and manipulate materials to improve strength and stiffness. How to use a template.
Art – What is Colour? Know and name Primary and Secondary colours and how to mix secondary colours. Know how to make tints, tones and shades by adding black and white. Investigate how the consistency of paint and colour choices can convey mood and emotions- including hot and cold colours and tones of colour.
Music – The dynamics of singing, including songs for Harvest and Christmas.
Computing – How can I be responsible online? Using technology safely and what to do if I feel unsafe.
PSHE – Relationships:- Making Friends, Safe Relationships, Respecting Ourselves and Others.



Religious Education

Guided by the school's Christian Values, children will have time to reflect during daily Collective Worship. During weekly lessons children will learn:-

CREATION – WHO MADE THE WORLD? DIGGING DEEPER - PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE: *God created the universe. *The Earth and everything in it are important to God. *God has a unique relationship with human beings. *Humans should care for the world because it belongs to God.

INCARNATION - WHY DOES CHRISMAS MATTER TO CHRISTIANS? DIGGING DEEPER -PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT: *Christians believe that Jesus is God and that he was born as a baby in Bethlehem. *The Bible points out that his birth showed that he was extraordinary and that he came to bring good news. *Christians celebrate Jesus' birth; Advent for Christians is a time of getting ready for Jesus' coming.