

# St. Swithun's: Year 1/2 Curriculum Map – Spring 2 – Home and Away

**Major outcomes for the topic:**  
 Setting description and persuasive letter in English.  
 Clay jars in art.

## English

As part of our English work this half term, we will be using the beautifully illustrated book Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann to inspire our writing and build our inference skills.

We will start the half term by exploring photographs, videos and illustrations of different settings and use adjectives and wow words to describe these. Year 1 children will be focussing on re-reading their work to make sure their sentences make sense as well as ensuring all their capital letters and full stops are used correctly. Year 2 children will be focussing on using conjunctions to link sentences together as well as choosing effective vocabulary to describe the setting and create an atmosphere.

We will then explore the features of letter writing and will apply these features when writing letters to persuade. Year 1 children will be using 'and' and 'because' to explain their reasons and Year 2 will be using a wide range of conjunctions as well as working on using different sentence starters to vary their writing.

## Art & Design

In art, we will be exploring the work of different sculpture artists with a particular focus on famous clay modelling artists. We will then design, model and paint our own clay jar to be used as a candle holder for their home.

## Computing

This half term we will be continuing to become computer scientists by giving directional instructions that can be used to instruct robots. We will be learning the term algorithm and using the beebot app to input and test our algorithms.

### Exciting beginnings / events/ theme days/ trips / visitors

We will be visited by Father Simon for an Ash Wednesday service in school.

## Design & Technology

We will have an art focus this half term.

## Geography

This half term we will use maps and globes to explore different continents. We will look at the weather, animals and foods from countries within the continents. We will also look at different human and physical features.

### Text, videos, music, pictures to ensure experiences of rich and varied literary heritage

We will be exploring lots of different photographs, videos, sounds and stories who help inspire our writing this half term.

## Mathematics

In maths this half term we are going to be continuing to practise counting to and from 1-100 in 1s, 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s as well as practising our number bond knowledge within 20. We will begin the half term looking at fractions. We will find halves and quarters of shapes, objects and amounts. Year 2 will also learn about thirds. We will use different resources to recognise that 2 quarters are the same as one half. We will then revisit multiplication and division and apply our number knowledge to solving problem reasoning questions and using this to explain our methods. We will explore 3D shapes and describe these by their faces, edges and vertices. Please continue to support careful counting, number formation and rapid recall of number bond facts at home.

## Modern Languages

We are learning animals in French, using the story 'Ours Brun' (Brown bear). We are also revising colours and making our own mini-books.

## Languages

## Music

The children will be learning basic composition skills in which they will develop their understanding of structure and creating an ABA pattern. They will also develop their skills with tuned percussion (xylophones, glockenspiels etc.)

### PSHE / British Values

In our health and well-being topic we will learn about the importance of exercise, a balanced diet and getting enough sleep. We will also be continuing our Happy Mind lessons with our new 'Relate' unit where we learn about building good relationships with others.

## Science

We will be continuing to explore and learn about everyday materials this half term. We are going to carry out different scientific experiments testing the properties of everyday materials and finding the best material for different objects. We will make predictions as well as organising and comparing our data we find.

## History

We will have a geography focus this half term.

## Physical Education

In inside PE, we will be continuing our dance unit by learning different short routines in groups as well as creating our own expressive routines. In outside games, we will be continuing to develop our coordination and ball skills by travelling and passing with different equipment.

## Education

## Religious Education

We will begin our journey through Lent looking at forgiveness and preparation. We will share parables and begin to understand their messages.