

Maths this term will focus on place value. Children will develop their knowledge of tens and ones. By using practical resources, we will represent, compare and order numbers to 100. Once we are secure in our knowledge of place value, we will move on to addition and subtraction and explore strategies to solve these calculations including apparatus, number lines and partitioning.

In **Science**, we will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. We will find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. We will explore and observe the materials through investigations. Lessons will be practical, enabling us to test theories and find things out for ourselves.

In **Geography**, we will explore our local environment and think about the beauty and geography of our local area. We will complete fieldwork tasks and begin to develop our map skills, looking for human and physical features.

During our **HeartSmart & PSHE**, we will explore the idea of 'Getting HeartSmart'. We will learn about our school and class rules and how we can work together as a team.

In Year 2 this term, our project is 'Beauty on my Doorstep'



We will explore the big question,

'How is Basingstoke a place of wonder?'



If you have any questions or concerns do email us at year2@stmarksce.org.uk

Through our **English**, we will be looking at alternative versions of traditional tales. We will be using 'The Write Stuff' approach to develop our language, vocabulary and story-telling skills to create our own versions of the stories. We will also be writing our own recounts based on a local walk we take as part of our geography learning.

Phonics and reading will continue to be a focus this year, as we develop our fluency. We will also focus on developing our handwriting by ensuring we are printing letters correctly.

Our **RE** will look at how people can change to make better choices, showing the beauty within. We will explore how Zacchaeus changed and what this means to some Christians today.



In **DT**, we are learning about mechanisms and using these to help us design and make moving monsters.



Our **Computing** focus for the term is word processing and learning to touch type. We will use software to type and reformat text. We will also develop our understanding of the importance of staying safe online.

Our **PE** will be on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** this term.

On **Tuesdays**, the focus is developing our ball skills with our hands and our feet. These are key skills for many sports.

On **Thursdays**, our lessons will focus on fundamental skills linked with jumping, hopping and skipping.

In **Music** our theme is "The British Isles" and we will create soundscapes based on the seaside, countryside and city. We will develop an appreciation for music from the UK.

