In **Maths** this half term, we will learn about addition and subtraction, using mental and written methods to help solve problems. We will continue with our skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and also begin to learn about times tables through learning to recall multiplication and division facts for our 1, 2 and zero times table.

During our **PE** this term, we will be outside developing our running, jumping and throwing in athletics. We will also be indoors doing gymnastics. The children will develop their core strength and ability to hold a balance with control. **Please ensure your child is wearing their correct PE kit and note that due to timetabling not all classes are on the same day.**

In **Art,** we will use paper and paste to create Christmas decorations. Our key skill is to achieve a smooth surface on our models. When made the children will choose from a range of media to decorate them.

In our **RE** learning this term, we will look at the concept of 'light as a symbol' with a focus on the Christian season of Advent and the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.

In **Music,** our focus is musical story telling using percussion instruments. We will represent different story elements through pitch, dynamics and tempo.





In **Science**, we will continue to explore different materials and think about how their properties make them suitable for different purposes. We will perform simple tests in order to classify the materials.

In our project, 'Fire! Fire!', will explore the big question, 'How did London change after the Great Fire?'



During our **Heart Smart and PSHE** learning this term, we will be looking at 'Don't forget to let love in'. We will be thinking about how to treat each other with kindness and how each of us is unique and special. We will also learn about how to be a good friend as part of our anti-bullying week.

We will continue our Agents of Change this term as a class and year group. Please keep sending in all the wonderful photographs and work showing completed challenges on Google Classroom.





In **History** this half term, we will learn about the Great Fire of London. We will discuss the lessons learnt from the fire and how things changed following it. We will explore artefacts and images to help us become historians and answer questions about the past.

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

Through **Computing** we continue to focus on 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.





In **English,** we will use 'A Crow's Tail' by Naomi Howarth to write our own stories, where the central character will face surprising challenges and have to keep going. Later in the half term, we will learn about non-chronological reports and diary entries. We will investigate the features of these genres in our sentence stacking lessons. We will then apply our knowledge to create our own diaries and non-chronological reports using the facts we have learnt about the Great Fire of London.
Reading – we will continue to follow the Little Wandle programme, where your child will read 3x a week with an adult. Please continue to read at home with them at least 3 or 4 times a week.