

English

We will continue to follow our Spelling and Grammar curriculum for the year as well as revising lots of previous learning, ready for the SATs tests

In reading lessons, we will be practising answering different question types, using a range of texts as well as our class novel – The Explorer by Katherine Rundell.

We will conclude using The Highwayman as inspiration for our writing and will then use Shakespeare's Macbeth, using contemporary abridgements of it to understand the story, as well as learning about the wonderful language of Shakespeare's original!

Mathematics

To include:

- Fractions, decimals and percentages;
- Multi-Step Word Problems;
- Geometry;
- Measurement and converting between units of measurement;
- Basic skills (multiplication facts, place value and using time);
- Maths fluency (using number knowledge, basic skills and understanding relationships between numbers to calculate fluently using mental computation strategies).

Science

in our unit on Electricity, the children will:

Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.

Observe and explain the effects of differing volts in a circuit.

Plan and conduct an investigation.

Record and analyse findings.

Religious Education

The children will learn about the concept of devotion in religion, focusing particularly on the topic of Mahashivratri in Hinduism.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term we will be studying the following units:

What is mental health and ways to take care of it.

Managing time online.

Dealing with change, loss and bereavement.

Physical Education

At St Denys the children learn to develop their fundamental movement skills of **agility, balance** and **coordination**. We believe these skills are vital and will help to support your child in accessing sport and physical activity and introduce them to the skills that will help them be successful.

This half term we will be focusing on:

Agility – reaction/response

Coordination – with equipment

Art

Amazed by Architecture

In this unit, the children will think about the following tasks and questions:

List some famous architects and artists inspired by architecture.
Why is the work of architects from ancient civilisations significant?
Who was Canaletto and what was his link with London?
What techniques did he use to paint buildings?
Find out more about the work of Canaletto to compare and contrast his paintings of London and Venice.
Create your own painting of a building using Canaletto's techniques as inspiration.

Geography

South America

In our unit on South America, we will study:

Geographical location and the countries within it;
The diversity of the landscape and climate;
Population data;
The physical features of the three main river basins;
The topography of South America and all about the Andes

Computing

Spreadsheets

Children will learn:

- What a spreadsheet is
- How to modify spreadsheets
- How to insert formulae
- How to use a spreadsheet to analyse data
- How to create a spreadsheet for a specific task

To present data in easy to read ways.