

Literacy



In reading this half term we will be focusing on learning our sounds and using them to decode words in texts.

We will also be focusing on remembering more high frequency and tricky words.

In writing we will be practising our letter formation, breaking words down into their individual sounds and writing them.

We will also be moving on to saying and writing short phrases and sentences independently.

You can help at home by giving your children many writing opportunities. For example, you could encourage your children to label their drawings, write thank you notes and letters, help make shopping lists and even write about their day or feelings in a diary.

Homework and Reading Books

Reading books are changed on Tuesdays and Fridays. It is recommended that you bring the book bag in each day.

It is important your child is heard reading daily outside of school to ensure progress in their reading skills and confidence.

Completed homework must be returned on Tuesday to ensure it can be marked and changed before Friday.

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact me directly or book a longer appointment via the school

Thank you for your continued support.
We look forward to an exciting half term.
Miss Bell , Mrs Ryan and Ms Little



St John and St James C of E Primary School Class Newsletter

Dear Reception Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the new half term.
We hope you had a great break!

This newsletter will give you some information about what we will be learning about over this half term.

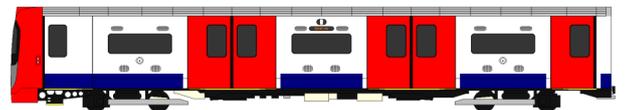
We would also like to thank everyone for the lovely gifts and cards, we all had a wonderful break too.

Transport and Places



For our topic this half term we will be learning about transport and looking at the different forms of transport we use to get to school or to different places around the world.

We will also be comparing and contrasting new and old methods of transport.



Reminders

Physical Education:

PE is on Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure your child's full PE kit is in school for that day. You are welcome to leave these on their pegs.

Punctuality:

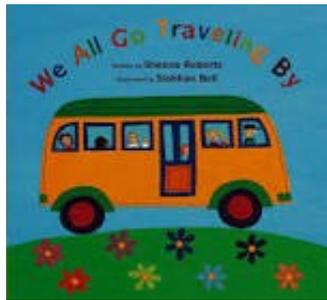
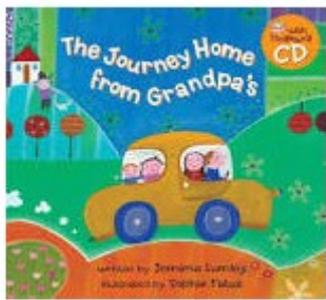
Our school day begins at 8.55am. It is important you arrive just before that time so that your child can begin learning straight away and so that the adults can begin teaching.

Class Books

Our focused texts for this half term are *The Journey Home from Grampa's* (Jemima Lumley) and *We all go travelling by* (Sheena Roberts).

By the end of the half term the children will be able to recall these stories using full sentences and actions.

As a class we will also create our own stories based on these books.



Class Trips

Next week we will be going on a school trip around Hackney where the children will be creating their own transport surveys. Later in the term we will visit St Lukes Church as part of our RE learning for this term.

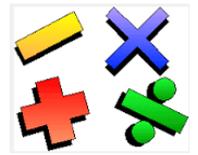
Please see the other letters with further details regarding this trip.

These trips are only possible if we have parent volunteers, please speak to Miss Bell if you are able to come with us for this trip. It is always appreciated, and the children thoroughly enjoy learning outside of their classroom.

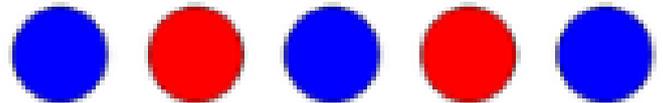


Maths

In number we will learn how to estimate how many objects we can see and check by counting. We will use concrete resources to add two single-digit numbers and count on to find the answer, holding the first number in our head. Finally, we will learn how to share objects equally.



In shape, space and measure we be exploring how to order two items by mass, length and height using everyday language to solve problems. As well as learn how to recognise, create and describe patterns.



WOW Vouchers



Please continue sharing WOW moments of learning outside of school. If you see your child doing something that makes you think WOW then write it down and bring it in to share with us. We have spares in the classroom.

We look forward to reading them all!

Junk Modelling

A massive thank you to all the parents that brought in recyclable items for junk modelling last term.

We do not need any more recycling materials at this point, but may ask for more later in the term.

