

Maths

In numbers this half term we will be learning about the numbers 1-5.



We will continue to count on and back from numbers 0-20 but our focus this half term is to develop a deep knowledge and understanding of the numbers 1-5.

We will look at each of these numbers and will learn to represent that number in a range of ways, to count objects, to recognise and write the number and to find number facts related to that number, for example $2+3=5$.

Lunchtimes

The school lunch menu is on the school website. It is a good idea to talk positivity about the lunches they may have that day or have had in school. The lunch time staff encourage all children to try new things. They will not force your child to eat. If your child is struggling at lunch time the staff will inform the Reception team and if needed we will communicate this to you.

You can help at home by praising your children for all their efforts to try new foods and when they eat healthy foods.

Mindfulness

We do mindfulness everyday in our class. The children learn special strategies to help them regulate their breathing, their feelings and support their wellbeing.

You will also receive a monthly newsletter related to wellbeing from our WAHMS team.

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

Thank you for your support. We look forward to an exciting first term!

Miss Bell, Mrs Ryan and Miss Hawkins



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

Dear Reception Parents / Carers,

Welcome to a new school year! This years Reception team consists of Miss Bell, Mrs Ryan and Miss Hawkins. We are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

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

ALL ABOUT ME AND



PEOPLE WHO HELP US

For our topic this half term we will be learning about **ourselves** and 'People who help us'. This includes our family and friends as well as looking at all the different jobs people have that help us.

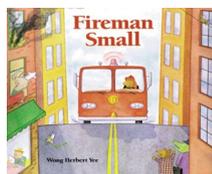
We will learn to talk about our bodies and how to keep them safe. This includes how to independently wash our hands, blow our noses, go to the toilet and change our clothes for PE.

You can help at home by ensuring your child knows how to thoroughly wash their hands with soap. All the children should be able to confidently blow and wipe their own noses, place the tissue in the bin and wash their hands. We use the phrase 'catch it, bin it, kill it' to help us remember.

Literacy

In reading this half term we will be focusing on story structure, hearing initial sounds in words and rhyming strings.

Our focused texts are *Oskar*, *Ruby's Worry* and *Fireman Small*.



By the end of the term the children will be able to recall these stories using words and actions. As a class we will also create our own stories based on these books.

In writing we will be practising how to recognise and write our own names. We will be doing a wide variety of mark making activities including drawing, painting and writing.

You can help by practicing reading and writing their names at home.

Home reading

Your child has been sent home with a reading book and reading diary. When you read with your child at home please write a comment in the diary on the appropriate date regarding how they read. We encourage you to use this diary as an active dialogue between home and school about how they read and who they read to. Please return this diary to school every **Tuesday** and **Friday** alongside their reading book so that we can acknowledge and reward their reading at home.

Please put your child's reading book, reading diary and home learning book in a book bag and put these in the 'book bag box' on Tuesday and Friday mornings. It is important for children to have some form of bag in school each day in case they have letters or other things to take home.



A few reminders

Please bring a **labelled water bottle** in to school everyday.

Please can all children be provided with a set of labelled **spare clothes** and **shoes**. They can be left on their classroom pegs. This way children can be changed with minimal fuss if an accident does happen.

Please could all bags, clothing, lunch boxes and water bottles be labelled to avoid items being misplaced.



Phonics



This term we will be starting to recap our letters and sounds. Over the term we will focus on all of the following sounds:

m, a, s, d, t, i, n, p, g, o

Top tip: Focus on teaching the letter sound before the letter name.

We will also practise reading the following 'red' tricky words by sight:

I, the, my, she, be, he, me, we

Homework

Homework will be sent out every **Friday** from next week. This work will be a consolidation of the weeks learning.

PE

P.E will take place on **Tuesdays**. All children are required to wear the correct P.E kit, this can be bought from the uniform website.

We want the children to master getting changed independently and if parents/carers could try and encourage this at home as well we would greatly appreciate it!

