

## WOW Vouchers



We are so pleased with the progress that the reception children have already made at school.

We get as excited as you do watching the children grow and learn new things.

When we see the children doing something that we are proud of we make an observation to go in their learning journey.

We are aware that the children also do a lot of learning at home, and we would love to hear from you when you see them doing something that makes you proud.

You will find some WOW cards attached. These WOW cards are a chance for you to share with us things that your child achieves at home. If you see them doing something that makes you think WOW then write it down and bring it in to share with us.

Thank you for your help,

We look forward to reading them!

## Important dates:

Monday 16th November:

Reception telephone parent consultations.



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 second term!

Miss Bell, Miss Ryan and  
Ms Little



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

Dear Reception Parents Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term!

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



For our topic this half term we will be focusing on Traditional Tales. We will be exploring different tales during Literacy. The theme will also feed into our continuous provision.

## Amazing Home Learning

Well done to all the children who brought in their fantastic fairy tale themed models.

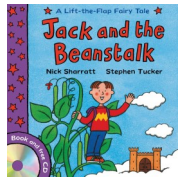
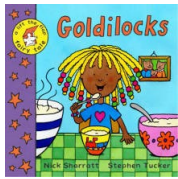
We loved doing a 'show and tell' and asking questions about the models. It was clear the children had learnt so much about their chosen stories.



## Class Books

Our focused texts for this half term are *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *The Gruffalo*.

By the end of the term the children will be able to recall these stories using words and actions. They will be able to independently write about the stories, and as a class we will also create our own stories based on these books. You can help at home by continuing to read everyday with your child and by orally retelling their favourite stories.



## Phonics

Our new phonic sounds this term will be

**g o c k u b f e l h s h r j v y**

### FOCUS WORDS for this half term

off big but up went mum can

dad from help just if had

no all are

was said into of to be he she they

We ask parents to help by supporting their child to read these words from sight.

## Useful websites

Please use these websites as additional activities for supporting your child at home.

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

**Alphablocks** - Great programmes showing how to accurately say and blend the sounds (phonemes) together.

[www.ictgames.co.uk](http://www.ictgames.co.uk)

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

## A few reminders

- All children should be provided with a set of spare clothes and shoes to be kept on their pegs.
- All items of clothing, PE kit and water bottles to be labelled.
- Water bottles should be thoroughly cleaned at home and filled with fresh water before being brought into school.
- Ensure your child's homework is returned each **Tuesday**.
- Bring in reading books with yellow reading records filled in every **Tuesday** and **Friday**.
- Continue to read with your child every day.
- PE is on **Tuesday** and all children should bring their kit in and change into it. Changing their clothes and shoes is an important part of your child's learning. If your child is struggling with this skill please practise regular self care activities at home such as dressing themselves for school each day, feeding themselves and packing and unpacking their school bags each day.

## Maths

Last half term we learnt how to sort and group real objects and pictures by different categories, we learnt to measure in different ways and compare objects such as comparing by size, height, weight and capacity. We also learnt how to recreate, continue and create our own repeated patterns.

This half term in number we will be looking in depth at the numbers 1-5. We will learn to represent these numbers and quantities in different ways, to form each number carefully and to count forward and back. We will be exploring one less and one more as well as beginning to learn simple addition and subtraction with numbers 0-5.

In shape, space and measure we will learn to name and describe the properties of two dimensional shapes. We will also develop our spatial awareness by using positional language and describing how items are positioned in relation to other items. Finally, we will learn to talk about day and night and order key events in our daily routines.

