



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our final half term.  
We hope you had a fantastic break.

This newsletter will give you some information about our new topic for this half term.

## Summer, Growth and Change

Our class topic this half term is  
'Summer, Growth and Change'.

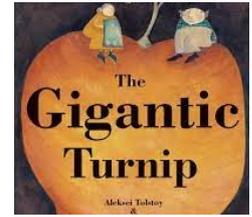
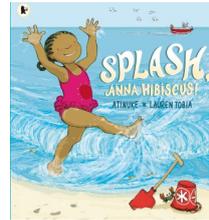
In this topic we will be learning all about summer and how it differs from the other seasons. We will look at what people typically do in summer, how nature and the weather changes around us, and how to keep yourselves safe in warmer weather.

Later in the half term we will be looking more at growth and change. We will learn about the growth and change of plants and flowers, particularly those we planted last half term in our 'Garden' topic. We will finally look at our own growth, thinking about how much we have changed and learnt over the Reception year and prepare for our exciting transition to year 1.



## Class Books

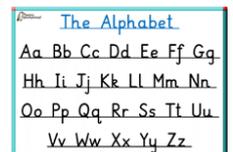
Our focused texts for this half term are 'Splash' (Atinuke) and 'The Gigantic Turnip' (Aleksi Tolstoy)



## Literacy

In reading, the children will continue to segment sounds within words and blend them together. They will read common irregular words to confidently read and comprehend sentences. They will show their understanding of our focused texts through peer discussions.

In writing, children will be working towards writing various sentences confidently and independently using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. They will start writing short narratives using simple storytelling language. We will be focusing on capital letter formation this half term too. You can help by practising this at home.



## Phonics

Our new phonic sounds this half term will be:

ir, ue, ai, igh, ow, aw, oi, oa, ur, ow, oo,  
u\_e, air, are



We will continue to practice and apply our knowledge of the other diagraphs (two letters which make one sound) that we have learnt so far.

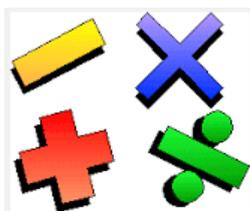
We ask parents to help by supporting their child to continue to read these sounds and these words from sight:

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## Maths

In Number this half term we will learn about numbers beyond 10 and begin to identify our own mathematical problems. Please encourage your child to be counting, adding, subtracting, sharing, halving and solving simple number problems at home. In addition this we will learn how to confidently double numbers up to 10.

In Shape, Space and Measure we will be continuing to learn to recognise different coins and their value, making amounts up to 20p and learn to talk about time in simple ways.



## Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out on a Friday and collected on a Tuesday.

Reading books will be changed on a Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure that you have written a small comment in your child's homework diary as this indicates to us that your child has read the book and is ready for a new one.

## Water Bottles

Due to the hot weather please ensure your child has a labelled water bottle in school everyday filled with fresh water.



## Wow Moments

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 on the yellow voucher and bring it in to share with us. We have spares in the classroom.



## Warm weather reminders

Please ensure your child has all of their school uniform clearly labelled, especially jumpers and cardigans as children are taking them off more frequently during the hot weather.



Also, please remember to put sun screen on your child and provide a name labelled hat or cap as children are out playing at the hottest times of the day.

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 continued support. We look forward to our last half term together.

Miss Bell, Mrs Ryan and Ms Little