

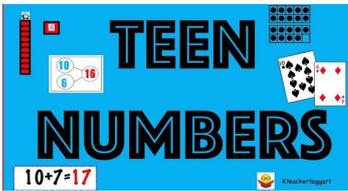
## Maths

Last term we consolidated previous learning and looked in depth at numbers to 0-10. We learnt to represent these numbers and quantities in different ways, to form each number and to verbally count forward and back to 20 in 1s and in 10s to 100.

We consolidated understanding one less and one more and introduced the + and = sign to support simple addition with numbers

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

1-10. We also introduced the 100 square to help us become confident with the repeating pattern of our number system.



**This half term** we will build on our previous learning, strengthening our ability to add and

subtract with numbers to 10 and beyond. We will gain in confidence with understanding and using teens numbers. We will begin

to recognise odd and even numbers and connect this with regularly practising counting in 2s.

Even	Odd
0 2 4	1 3 5
6 8	7 9

## Mindfulness

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

You should continue to receive a monthly newsletter related to wellbeing from our WAHMS team.

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can book appointments via the school office.

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

**Mrs March, Mrs Ryan & Miss Little**



St John and St James'  
C of E Primary School

Reception Class Newsletter – Summer 1

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Summer in Reception at SJSJ! We hope you had restful Easter break and were able to enjoy the good weather with your family.

This newsletter will give you some information about what our learning will cover this half term.

The topics this half term in Reception are '**Growing**' and '**Minibeasts**'.



In our first focus texts we will explore the idea of growing and changes, with our own bodies, animals and plants. We will plant seeds and care for our developing

garden. Our second key text will lead us into discoveries about mini-beasts, worms and other creepy crawlies we can find around us in



London. We will learn how they grow and how they are essential to

humans flourishing. In **PE** we will continue to focus on learning to control our bodies with catching, throwing, balancing and climbing. In **RE** we will learn about God the creator of our wonderful

world and how we can help keep it special. Through this we will touch on the problem of plastic pollution, particularly in oceans and what all of us (4 and 5 year olds too!) can do to help.

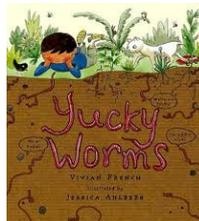
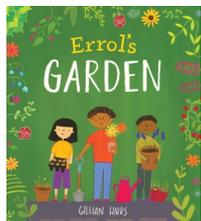
*What can we do  
to protect our  
world?*



## Literacy

In Literacy we will focus on story structure, hearing all the sounds in words, using tricky words and special friends in our sentences and letter writing.

Our focused texts are: *Errol's Garden*, *Yucky Worms* and *Clean Up*.



By the end of the term the children will be able to confidently speak and write about these books. Children will be able to write more independently using finger spaces and capital letters at the beginning of sentences.

Through our creative area and writing table we will access a wide variety of mark-making activities including constructing, drawing and painting.

You can help at home by continuing to read everyday with your child and giving them plenty of opportunities to be creative and write at home.

## Home Reading

When you read with your child at home **please write a comment in the diary**. This diary should be an active dialogue between home and school. Children who are not reading everyday are likely to struggle in Y1 Your home reading is *essential* to their future success in Literacy and so many other areas, so thank you for making this a priority.

**Reading diaries must be returned every Tuesday and Friday** alongside their reading book so that we can acknowledge and reward their reading at home. Don't forget that 2 children each half term get to attend the Reading Tea Party. Your support at home will make all the difference to their progress AND chances to win!



## WOW Cards

As we make our way into the final term of the year your child is likely to be demonstrating their learning in 'Wow!' ways at home. Please tell us about their home learning progress with WOW cards. Children will be able to share these with their peers and teachers. Help us celebrate everything your child achieves!



## Phonics

We will consolidate our phonic learning, particularly our special friends and tricky words.

**Sounds:** The entire alphabet and special friends **ch th ng nk sh a\_e ee i\_e o\_e oo ar c(soft) ou ay and ea**

**Tricky words:** I the my she be he me no all are was said into of to no go like you come some your they them then this

Our focus this half term we will be on mastering the 41 sounds we have introduced over the past two terms to ensure children can use them confidently and independently in their reading and writing.



**NEW Tricky words:** one there do so what when

## Homework

Homework will be sent out via Google Classroom every **Friday**. This is **due back the following Tuesday written in their homework books**. If you need help accessing Google Classroom please get in touch.

## PE

P.E will take place on **Wednesdays**.



In order to ease the transition to PE **children should wear their PE uniforms to school on Wednesdays**. They can wear them all day and will not need to change as long as they are wearing the official school kit. The kit can be bought from the uniform website.

Please speak to staff if you have any questions.