

## Maths

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Last half term we learnt how to sort and group real objects and pictures by different categories. We learnt to use a range of words to describe these comparisons like smaller, taller, and heavier. We also learnt how to recreate, continue and create our own repeated patterns. We looked closely at the numbers, 1, 2 and 3. We mastered our understanding of how they are made, what they look like and how to form the numerals. We also looked at shapes with 1, 2, or three sides.



This half term we will consolidate previous learning and looking in depth at the numbers the numbers 4 and 5. We will learn to represent these numbers and quantities in different ways, to form each number and to count forward and back to 20.



We will be exploring one less and one more as well as beginning to learn simple addition and subtraction with numbers 1-5. We will explore what 0 is and begin to look at the time.

We will also become familiar with



shapes that have 4 and 5 sides.

## 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 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 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  
and Miss Little**



# St John and St James C of E Primary School

## Reception Class Newsletter – Autumn 2

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term!  
We hope you had restful break and are enjoying the changing seasons.

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

The topics this half term in Reception are  
**'Journeys'** and **'Materials'**

We will begin to understand that everything is made of different materials. We will look closely at some common materials like wood, metal, fabric, plastic and glass. We will use this knowledge to design and improve our own constructions.



In the focus texts we will meet characters who go on journeys both literally and in their imaginations.

We will learn about some important holidays that are celebrated at this time of year including Diwali, Hannukah and of course Christmas. In RE we will explore why Jesus was such a special baby and why Christmas is special for Christians.



## Literacy

In Literacy we will focus on story structure, hearing initial sounds in words and rhyming strings.

Our focused texts are

*Rosie's Walk*, *Stanley's Stick*,  
*The Three Little Pigs* and *Astro Girl*.



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

They will begin 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 at home.

In writing we will practise writing simple CVC words using the sounds we know and our green and red words. We will access a wide variety of mark making activities including drawing, painting and writing.

## Home Reading

When you read with your child at home **please write a comment in the diary**. We encourage you to use this diary as an active dialogue between home and school to support their progress.



**Reading diaries must be returned every**

**Tuesday and Friday**

alongside their reading book so that we can acknowledge and reward

their reading at home. 2 children each half term who have worked the hardest with their home reading will get to go to the Reading Tea Party. Your support at home will make all the difference to their progress and chances to win!



## A few reminders

- Please ensure your child has a **labelled water bottle** at school everyday.
- All children should have a set of **spare clothes** at school. This can be left on their peg.



## Phonics

We will consolidate the learning from last half term, particularly our sounds and tricky words.

**m, a, s, d, t, i, n, p, g, o, c, k**

**Tricky words:**

**I, you, the, my, she, he, we, me**

**This half term we will learn:**

**ck, u, b, f, e, l, h, sh, r, j, v, y**

**Green words:** off big but up mum can dad  
from help just if had

**Tricky words:** no all are was  
said into of to



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

## Homework

Homework will be sent out via Google Classroom every **Friday**. This is **due back the following Tuesday** written in their **homework books**. You should not need to print anything at home.

## PE

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



In PE the children will learn to move their bodies with increasing control. They will learn to balance, crawl and control balls in a variety of ways. We will continue to be taught by our incredible PE teacher, Mr Charles.