

Maths

In Maths this half term we will focus on the numbers 1-3 so children can deeply understand all the ways these numbers can be used and represented. We will practice counting on and back from numbers 0-20, and, with quantities beyond 3, compare differences, similarities and learn to divide groups fairly. We will learn to represent 1-3 in a range of ways, to count objects, to recognise and write the



numeral and to find number facts related to that number, for example $2+1=3$.

Lunchtimes

The school lunch menu is on the school website. Support your child by talking 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, but they will not force your child to eat. If your child is struggling at lunch time the staff will inform the Reception team and 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. Please also support them to independently use a knife, fork and spoon.

Mindfulness

We practice 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 the team directly or book a longer appointment via the school office.

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

**Mrs March, Mrs Ryan, Ms Little,
and Mrs Stella**



St John and St James' C of E Primary School

Reception Class Newsletter – Autumn 1

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to a new school year!
This year the Reception team is Mrs March, Mrs Ryan, Ms Little and Mrs Stella. We are all looking forward to getting to know your children and journeying with them through the exciting year ahead.

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

The topics this half term in Reception are '**Ourselves**' and '**People who help us**'

We will learn about our family and friends as well as look at all the different jobs people have who help us day to day, particularly in our own school.



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.

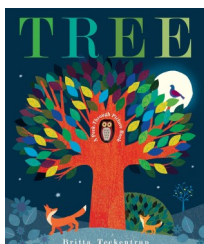
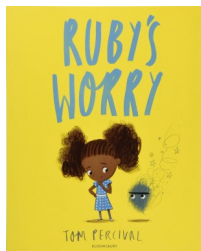
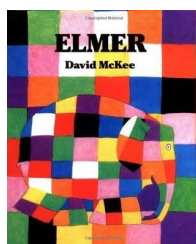
At home please ensure your child knows how to thoroughly wash their hands with soap, confidently blow and wipe their own noses. We use the phrase 'catch it, bin it, kill it' to help children remember.



Literacy

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

Our focused texts are *Elmer*, *Ruby's Worry* and *Tree*.



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 using correct letter formation.

We will access a wide variety of mark making activities including drawing, painting and writing.

You can help by practising reading and writing their names at home as well as offering your child regular opportunities to mark make.

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** to support home school communication regarding your child's progress. You will also be sent a picture book to enjoy together as a family. We do not expect your child to read this, it is to support reading for pleasure, communication and language and understanding story structure.

Reading diaries must be returned every Tuesday and Friday alongside their reading book so that we can acknowledge and reward their reading at home. 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** to school **everyday**.



All children also need a set of **spare set of clothes** which can be left on their classroom pegs.

This way children can be changed with minimal fuss if an accident does happen.

We have permanent felt tips available to use at pick up times to label anything if needed.

Phonics

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**. This work will be a consolidation of the weeks learning and is **due back the following Tuesday** with their reading diaries and books.

PE

P.E will take place on **Tuesdays** and is taught by our dedicated coach, Mr Charles. All children are required to wear the correct P.E kit, which can be bought from the uniform website. **On Tuesdays children can come to school dressed in their PE kit** and wear them for the entire day. If you have any questions about the uniform please speak to the office or see the website for more information.

