

Home Reading

Thank you for your support with the home reader programme.

Home Reader Programme Day:
Books will be changed every TUESDAY and FRIDAY

Please continue to support your child by ensuring they read the book that they bring home with them and return it every Tuesday and Friday. Even though your child is not an independent reader yet, you can support them by reading to them emphasising key words and initial sounds, talking about the pictures and asking questions about what you have read together.

Many thanks for your support with your child's reading. If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Exploring our Emotions

We have been discussing and exploring our emotions, what they are and how we can express ourselves.

We are reading a book called 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas, which is about a monster who is feeling very mixed up.

He's yellow, blue, red, black and green all at once.

Can you help him? This stunning book explores colours and feelings in a fun and gentle way.



We are looking forward to a great half term and thank you all for your continuing support!



St John and St James
C of E Primary
School

Dear Nursery Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new half term, it's Summer! We hope you and your children are refreshed.

This newsletter gives you some information about what we will be learning over the coming weeks.

'Minibeasts' and 'Plants and Growing'

Our new topics for this half term are 'Minibeasts' and 'Plants and Growing'.

We will be exploring all things minibeast related, what they are and where you would find them.

We will be reading stories linked to our topics, as well as learning about the life cycle of plants.

Minibeasts



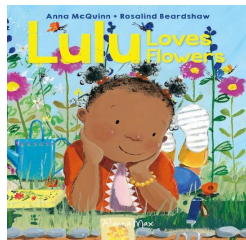
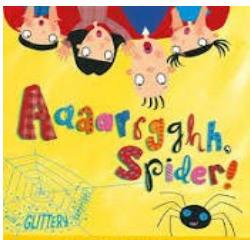
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Literacy

Our topic books this half term are 'Aaaarghhh Spider' and 'Lulu Loves Flowers'.

We will be drawing a story map which visually reinforces the series of events in the book so that we can continue to develop repeating words or phrases from familiar stories in a variety of settings.

We will be continuing with Phase 1 phonics and beginning to introduce Phase 2 of our phonics programme. We will be learning the sounds **m, a, s, d, t, i n, p, g, o**



In Nursery we have been focusing on making marks in various ways. We will be focusing on mark making stripes, zig zags, waves, circles, dots and spirals. We use many mark making tools such as large crayons, felt tips, colouring pencils, chalk, water and paint to name a few. You can continue to promote a love of mark making at home, encouraging the use of a wide range of mark making tools.

If you can create opportunities for your child



to do this at home we would be very grateful as it will enhance their hand

grip and they will move through the mark making stages with confidence.

The children have been practising their cutting skills using scissors. They have been learning how to hold scissors and use them safely to cut lines in paper. If you could encourage your child to continue to practise their scissor hold and cutting skills it would be much appreciated.

Maths

We have lots to focus on this half term in maths! We are continuing to learn about 2D and 3D shapes, as well as exploring capacity.

We will be focusing on reciting numbers past 5 and one to one correspondence with our weekly maths songs.



Reminders

While our days are getting warmer, please make sure your child is coming in with a jacket and hat. Although we use aprons when playing with water and engaging in messy play, we ask that children bring in a change of named clothes in a bag to stay at school in the event they are needed.

Please also ensure your child brings a sun hat, water bottle and has sun-cream already applied before school on sunny days.



Growing Plants

We will be busy planting flower seeds and watering them and look forward to watching them grow. We are very excited about it and can't wait to see butterflies, bees and other mini beasts visiting our flowers!

We will be continuing to learn about plants and will be growing our own vegetables. If you have any old or unwanted pots for plants we would love to put them to good use in nursery's flower garden!

