

Dates For Your Diary:

Wednesday 14th January
– Trip to Tesco AM

Thursday 5th February
—Drama Workshop in school

Friday 6th February
—NSPCC Number Day

Wednesday 11th February
—Bus Trip AM

Literacy and Reading

We will be continuing to change reading books every **Tuesday** and **Friday** so please make sure that your child's reading book is inside their book bag.

Please write a comment about your child's reading in their journal such as how you child found the book, or what part they found interesting.

In Phonics throughout the week we have sessions that support children to develop their phonological awareness. We play games to recognise rhyming, initial sounds, syllables and blending sounds together to make words. We do not refer to the letter names, rather the sounds that they make. If you have any questions about Phonics or how you can support your child, please speak to a member of the team.

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

Class Newsletter Nursery

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new half term! We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and your children are refreshed. Welcome to our new families!

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

In Spring 1 our topics will be:

Winter, My Community & Transport

We will be exploring all things about the season of Winter, and comparing it to other seasons we know. Through our core texts we will then explore transport and the people who help us in our community.

We will have a bus and bus stop in our imaginative room where we can role play different characters. We are going to make our own buses and take them on an adventure!

We will read stories about winter and then immerse ourselves into the world of transport through our own bus trip.



Maths

This half term we are going to be focusing on making comparisons between objects relating to size. We will also be looking at 'more and less' as well as putting objects in order and stating which is bigger and smaller. We will be reciting numbers to 10 and recognising numbers as digits.



Literacy

This half term our topic books are '**The Snowy Day**' by Ezra Jack Keats, followed by '**The Naughty Bus**' by Jan and Jerry Oke. We will be reading these stories everyday and basing lots of activities around them. Our focus on reading this half term is to fill in the missing words or phrase in a known rhyme, story or game. We will be learning new words and actions to go with these books. We will continue to use story maps which visually reinforces the series of events in the book.

Mark Making

In writing we are learning to control our marks using a wide range of mark making materials. At home please encourage plenty of drawing and writing waves, triangles, squares, loops and circles.



A Few Reminders...

- Bring in spare clothes and appropriate cold weather clothing. These can be left on their hook outside in case children have an accident or need changing.
- Please **name** all clothing **clearly** so that all of your child's belongings get back to them safely.
- This term we are focusing on developing the children's independence. We would appreciate it if you could encourage your child to put their own coat, jumper, scarf and shoes on.

Plant Pots Please!

We are collecting plant and flower pots of all shapes and sizes in preparation for our gardening project. We would welcome any unwanted plant pots for us to create a wonderful spring garden. Thank you!



WOW Moments

We will be introducing WOW moments in Nursery this half term. These are cards for you to fill in about the amazing work your child does outside of Nursery. It might be zipping up a coat or riding a bicycle or anything else which has impressed you! We share these with the whole class and the children love having their achievements celebrated by their class mates. We will be giving you WOW moment cards shortly.

