

Home Reading

Books are changed every **TUESDAY** and **FRIDAY**.

Please continue to support your child by ensuring they enjoy with you the book that they bring home with them. Please 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 as well as asking questions about what you have read together.

Key Dates

Friday 17th April— Family Friday 9:10-10

Tuesday 21st April—Neurodiversity Parent Coffee Morning

Friday 1st May—Family Friday 9:10-10

Monday 4th May—Bank Holiday School Closed

Wednesday 6th May—Walled Garden Walk AM

Friday 15th May— Family Friday 9:10-10

Wednesday 20th May— National Numeracy Day

We are looking forward to a great half term and thank you all for your continuing support! Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team if you have any questions.



St John and St James
C of E Primary School
Class Newsletter Nursery

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new half term. We are so glad it is 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.

Topic

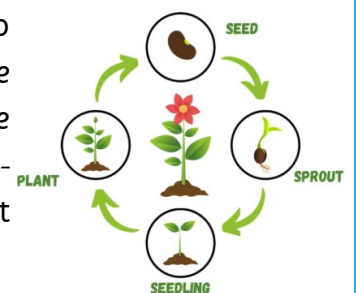
Our new topics for this half term are 'Minibeasts', 'Plants' and 'Growing'.

Inspired by the new season and our core texts we will be exploring the tiny creatures all around us. We will learn about the minibeasts that can be found in London and develop our skills of naming and classifying different creatures.



As the weather warms we will plant our own Nursery garden and learn how to look after what we grow. We will also explore the life cycle of plants. We especially look forward to your help at Family Fridays!

PLANT LIFE CYCLE



Literacy

Our topic books this half term are:

'Aaarghhh Spider' and **'Lola Plants A Garden'**.

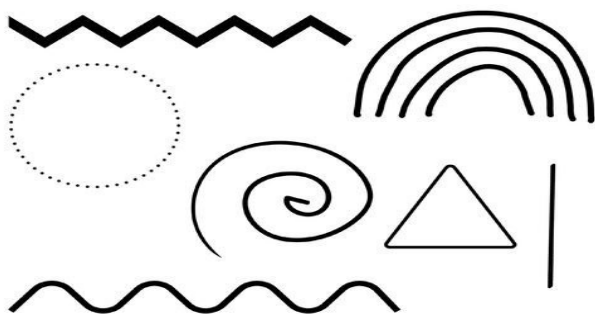


We will be drawing a story map which visually reinforces the series of events in the book so that we can continue to remember repeating words or phrases from familiar stories in a variety of settings.

We will be continuing to learn a sound a week in Phonics, practicing hearing and verbally using that sound as well as recognising rhyming, syllables and initial sounds in words.

Mark Making

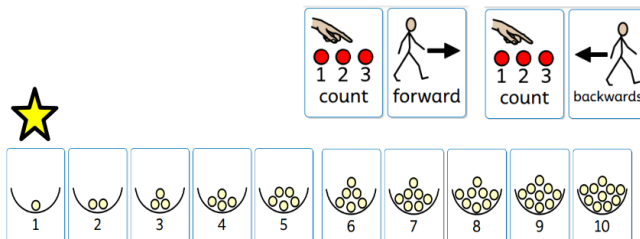
We will be building our control with joining lines, connecting straight or curved lines and strengthening our pencil grips. We use many mark making tools such as large crayons, felt tips, colouring pencils, chalk, water and paint.



The children 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 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. Every day we will count verbally to 10 and back.



We will learn to use 5 frames to support our counting and develop our abilities to make accurate sets.



Reminders

Although our days are getting warmer, please make sure your child is coming in with a jacket and hat. 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 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 our flower garden!

