

## Home Reader Programme

Thank you for your support with the home reader programme.

Books are signed out every **TUESDAY** and **FRIDAY**. Please remember to bring your book bags in to be changed.

You can continue to support your child by ensuring they read the book that they bring home with them every day. Even though your child is not a 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.

## Preparing for Reception

This half term some of the children are preparing to transition into reception. They will be visiting the reception classroom and will be meeting their new teacher. For children moving onto other schools, this will still be a time of preparation in exploring new surroundings similar to where they will be going. There will also be transition afternoons for parents so please check the school calendar regularly.

## Key Dates:

**Non Uniform Day** - Friday 12th June

**Multicultural Evening** - Friday 26th June

**EYFS Victoria Park Morning** - Friday 3rd July

**Reception Graduation** - Friday 10th July

**Leavers Performance at Church** - Wednesday 15th July at 9:15am

**School finishes** - Friday 17th July @ 12pm



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

Dear Nursery Parents/Carers,  
Welcome back to the last half term! We hope you and your children are refreshed and excited about the warmer weather.

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

## 'Ghana' and 'Under the Sea'

This half term we will be heading into Africa with our topic 'Country Comparisons'. Our book 'Anna Hibiscus song' takes us on a journey to explore urban and rural west Africa. We will look at Ghana and learn about different cultures including special clothing, foods and music.



We then venture into the 'Deep Blue' to explore the topic 'Under the Sea', where we will embark on a watery adventure, learning about habitats, creatures,

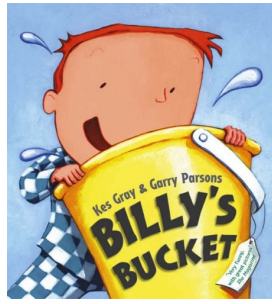
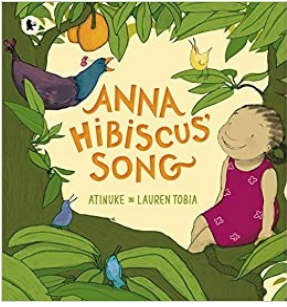


conservation and the importance of looking after our environment. The theme in our imagination room is under the sea, and we will be adding our own work to create a fun and inspiring space to explore. We are going to be

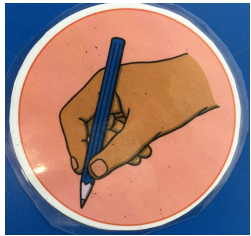


learning the names of different fish and sea life, their habitats and what they like to eat.

## Literacy

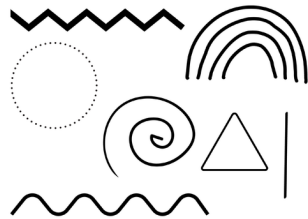


Our topic books this half term are, '**Anna Hibiscus Song**', and '**Billy's Bucket**'. We will be drawing story maps which visually reinforces the series of events in the books so that we can continue to develop repeating words or phrases from familiar stories in a variety of settings.



For Mark Making we are focusing on our pencil grip and starting to look at forming letters in our names. Please encourage

as many mark making opportunities as possible at home. Children could draw lists, practice writing their name or drawing what they have enjoyed doing over the weekend. All children rising to Reception should be able to make curved and straight lines, zig zags, spirals, loops and scallops.

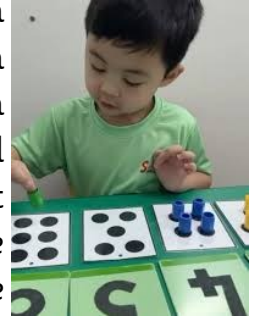


In Phonics we will continue to develop our phonological awareness through exploring different sounds. We will identify initial sounds, rhyming words, and practice blending sounds into words.



## Maths

In Maths this half term our main focus will be on finding the total when some objects are added or taken away. We want children to be confident with all the ways numbers can be combined or separated up to 5.



We will also be having a look at familiar routes and locations, using words like 'in front of' and 'behind' and exploring how things look from different viewpoints.

## Reminders

As it is summer term, the weather tends to get warmer but can be very changeable.

We please ask that children are coming to school with sunscreen applied and are given a hat during hot days as well as a refillable drink bottle at all times.

Please also ensure your child has suitable clothing to use with the ever changing weather conditions and your child's name is written on all of their school belongings as this minimises the risk of missing items.

