

Some information of what will be happening this half-term!

Communication and Language

We will encourage the children to:
Make relevant comments when listening to a story and answer 'why' questions.
Link events in a story to their own experiences.
Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them.
Respond to others appropriately in play.
Actively engage in story times.
Engage in non-fiction books.
Please encourage your child to talk about any books that you are reading with them at home. Ask them lots of questions whilst reading.

Physical Development

We will continue to work on holding a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing and we will begin to write from left to right.
Threading, cutting, weaving and playdough skills are all important to develop fine motor skills so there will continue to be plenty of opportunities to do this.
We will use focus on balance and agility in our PE sessions, whilst encouraging the children to share and take turns.

**Our themes for this
Half-term:
Autumn
Celebrations**

**Personal, Social and Emotional
Development**

We will focus on ways to develop social skills, independence and self-awareness.
We will support children to build their relationships with an awareness of how their own actions may impact others.
Children will begin to see themselves as a valuable individual and as a member of our school family at St. John's.

Maths

Representing and Comparing 1,2, 3

Children will start to subitise or count to find how many and make own collections of 1,2 and 3 objects. Begin to understand as we count that each number is one more than the number before.
Explore and notice the different compositions of 2 and 4.
Number formation of 1,2,3.
Recognise shapes in everyday life.
Show a variety of different sized circles and triangles in different orientations

Literacy

Writing our names in lower case, print-style letters will be a focus for many children, and for those who are already on their way to doing this we will encourage correct letter formation and orientation.
Children will continue to recognise individual letters by saying the sounds for them. We will progress with this by blending these sounds into words.
Children will also sequence events from a familiar story, using puppets, pictures from books or role-play.

Understanding the World

Children will find connections with the natural world, observing seasonal change and commenting on what they can see, hear, feel and smell in Autumn.
We will look at specific historical events and think about how we celebrate them today.
We will continue to recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.

Expressive Arts and Design

Join in with songs (focus on Nursery rhymes)
Begin to mix colours
Join in with role play games and use the resources available for props
Build models using construction equipment

Sing call-and-response songs, so that children can echo phrases of songs that are sung.

Key Things to remember

PE will continue to be on a Wednesday and children should come in wearing their PE kits.

The weather will undoubtedly turn colder soon so please send your child in with a warm, hooded coat. They will spend time outside as much as possible so will need the correct clothing. A hat and gloves is advised too!

If your child brings their own snack into school please make sure that it is healthy and nut-free.



Important info:

Dates:

20th November - EY/KS1 Movie Night

25th November - Pantomime - Jack and the Beanstalk - PM

27th November - KS2 Movie Night

28th November - Non-uniform in exchange for bottles

29th November - Christmas Fayre

1st December - Christingle Service in School at 2:30pm (Christingles will be made throughout the morning). Just for children (no parents/carers).

3rd December - Carols on The Common at 6pm

10th December - Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 16th December: 9:30am - EY/KS1 Nativity for parents/carers

2:30pm - EY/KS1 Nativity for parents/carers

Thursday 18th December: 9:30am - KS2 Concert for parents/carers

2:30pm - KS2 Concert for parents/carers

17th December - Church Service at 9am

19th December - Christmas Party Day/Non-uniform

More information about specific events will be sent out asap!

Birthdays

Just to reiterate the non-sweet message please!

However, a class book to share together or any other non-sweet options are suggested if you would like to send something in to celebrate your child's birthday.

Reading:

We will continue to send out a new reading book each week. Please make comments throughout the week as you and your child are reading together. Reading will move up a gear now that the children are settled, and some children will bring home a book with words. If your child doesn't bring a worded book home at this point, please don't panic! They will get one when they are ready! If we rush them into it, we will find it detrimental to their progress!

We will only send out books that have the phonemes (sounds) in them that the children have practiced in class and with words that they can recognise and blend confidently. The books will seem very simple at first, but will become progressively more complex the further into phonics we go!

Parent Information:

I will try to keep you as up to date as possible regarding the things that we are learning in class. Please keep a look out in the windows for any relevant information!

Thanks to all parents for your continued support!