



St Saviour's CE Primary School

Reception Class Newsletter Term 2 2023-24

Dear Reception Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had a great first half term and you're all looking forward to the next as we have some exciting things planned in the run up to Christmas. We have some highly anticipated events coming up namely our Christmas Nativity performance which parents/careers are welcome to attend!

Reading

Just as a reminder, reading records and phonics books need to be brought to school every day. This is crucial so that the Reception Staff are able to read that chosen book with your child at school. 'Reading for Pleasure' books can be changed as and when needed. The books will be changed weekly. Please supply your child with a book bag if you have not already done so.

Spare clothes

Please provide another bag with spare clothes that we will keep at school. These spare items will need to be topped up in the bag as and when needed. If your child has borrowed school clothes to wear in an emergency, please wash and return them as we have a limited supply of spare clothes for the children.

PE Day

Our PE Day is on Thursday. Please ensure your child comes into school in their PE kit.

Water bottles and clothing

Children need to bring a water bottle every day. All water bottles, cardigans, jumpers, hats, scarves and book bags should be labelled. We have our own lost property box within Reception – if your child has lost any items in class please ask a staff member to go through the box. If your child has misplaced an item at Wrap Around or Club, please enquire via those channels concerned.

Snack

We provide a snack for the children, so the children do not need to bring in food. If you would still like to send your child with a snack, we ask for only fresh fruit or vegetables.

Please find below a list of the subjects and the content the children will be learning this term:

Subject	What the children will be learning
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Texts: 'I am Henry Finch' by Alexis Deacon, 'Halibut Jackson' by David Lucas• The main outcomes are to learn the structure and how to write simple timetables, thought-bubbles, lists and letters of advice. Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them, read words consistent with their phonic knowledge, read aloud simple sentences.
Phonics	Learning our Phase 3 Sounds – j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu. Consonant digraphs - ch, sh, th, ng. Vowel digraphs - ai, ee, igh, oa.
Maths Number	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore the cardinality of 5• Begin to count beyond 5• Explore the concept of 'wholes' and 'parts'• Explore the composition of numbers within 5• Compare sets using a variety of strategies
Understanding the World Festivals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forest School: Explore the natural world, describe what they hear, see and feel outdoors, understanding the changing seasons.• Recognise the people have different beliefs



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognise some environments that are different from the one in which they live.• Comment on familiar situations in the past
RE What do Christians believe about Christmas?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How Do People Prepare For The Birth of a Baby?• How Did Mary Know She Was Going To Have a Baby?• How Did Mary and Joseph Feel About Having a Baby?• How Do Christians Prepare For The Special Day of Christmas?• What Story Do Christians Remember at Christmas and Why?• Why is Christmas Special For Christians?
Expressive Art and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Autumn Leaf rubbing and painting• Poppies Art (Remembrance Day)• Christmas Decorations• Diya Lamps (Diwali)
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Twisting, turning, rolling• Spatial Awareness• Coordination
PSED	Learning in our Personal, Social and Emotional Development will be interwoven into our Continuous Provision (free flow time) as well as an important focus in our Circle Times – including Anti-Bullying Week - where we talk about building healthy friendships and the expectations in St Saviour's.
Music Singing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Play Along!• Nativity Show: Christmas Songs, Reception playing the Barn Animals.

Our first few weeks in Reception this half term have been tremendous fun with our Forest School trip being a great success – there were many happy and tired children by the end of it. Thank you, parents and families, for all your support and we look forward welcoming you to our Nativity Show in 4 weeks time!

Kind regards,

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