



St Saviour's CE Primary School

Reception Class Newsletter Term 1 2023-24

Dear Reception Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Reception! We're so looking forward to a great year ahead!

This year our P.E. lessons will take place on Thursdays, so please send your child to school in their P.E. kit every Thursday. Also, from Week 3 onwards we will be sending home Decodable Books for your child to read with you at home as well as another book to read for pleasure. The Decodable Book will consist of phonemes and tricky words they have already learnt in class. The books will need to be brought back in to school every day as we will be using them with your child in school. The books will be changed weekly.

We will be holding a workshop for parents about phonics as we know that you will have questions about what your child is learning and how. There are videos on our website which may also be helpful to you: [St. Saviour's C.E. Primary School - Reception \(stsavioursprimary.co.uk\)](http://stsavioursprimary.co.uk)

Please send your child into school with a water bottle every day. All water bottles, cardigans, jumpers and book bags should be labelled. Please provide another bag with spare clothes that we will keep at school. 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.

The Early Years theme for the term will be 'Ourselves' and looking at what makes us unique, who is in our lives who is special to us and our link to the wider community.

Subject	What the children will be learning
Literacy Where the Wild Things Are	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focussing on 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak • The main outcomes are to learn about labels, captions, oral re-telling and how to develop a new character.
Phonics	Learning our Phase 2 Sounds – s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r, h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss. Please see the school website for examples of how to pronounce each sound
Maths Number	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subitising up to 3 objects (recognising a set amount without counting one to one). • Counting using 1 to 1 correspondence • Identifying numbers that are 'more than' or 'less than' a given number
Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can I talk about members of my immediate family and community? • Can I name and describe people who are familiar to me? • Can I comment on images of familiar situations in the past?
RE Who made this wonderful world?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Creation Story • The Natural World • Precious to God • We Are Precious
Expressive Art and Design Portraits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observational drawing • Portrait Collage • Following Pattern • Autumn leaf rubbings
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance • 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 where we talk about building healthy friendships and the expectations in St Saviour's.



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Music Singing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lining Up Song• I've Got a Grumpy Face• Witch Witch Stuck in a Ditch
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We will be doing a 'Stay and Play' on **Friday 22nd September from 9-9:30am**. This is an opportunity for parents to come into Reception with their child and see the environment.

Our first two weeks in Reception have been tremendous fun and the children have settled in so seamlessly, which has been very encouraging to see. Thank you, parents and families, for all your support and we look forward to a fabulous term ahead with plenty of memorable learning moments.

Kind regards,

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