



ST JOHN'S
A PRIORY ACADEMY

Curriculum Newsletter – Reception Spring 1 – Our Wonderful World

**Value of the term:
Respect**

Dear Families,

Welcome to the Spring term at St. John's. Here is an overview of the learning we will be covering. We hope you will be able to support your child's learning at home by reading with them and talking about the work they are doing in class.

Maths

We will continue to follow the Mastery Number planning to work on the following areas of learning:

Subitising

- Subitise within 5 focusing on die patterns.
- Match numerals to quantities within 5.

Counting, ordinality and cardinality.

- Counting – focus on ordinality and the 'staircase' pattern.
- See that each number is one more than the previous number.

Composition

- Focus on 5.
- Focus on 6 and 7 as '5 and a bit'.
- Compare sets and use language of comparison: more than, fewer than, an equal number to.
- Make unequal sets equal.

English



Phonics/Reading

Before Christmas we assessed all of the children on their phonics knowledge, and they will be moving onto reading books to reflect those assessments. 'Little Wandle' will move on to teaching the children the next set of diagraphs. Each week on Tapestry we will let you know exactly which sounds we will be teaching at school and how you can support your child at home. One of the areas that many of the children have found more challenging are the 'tricky words'. Please check on the Tapestry post to reinforce these words at home.

Writing

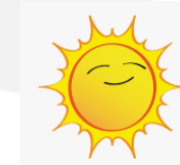
This term, we are focussing on our forming our curly caterpillar letters correctly. The curly caterpillar letters are c, a, o, d, g, q, e, s, and f.

Through our stories and Drawing club, the children will be writing their name, writing words and captions using their phonic knowledge and copying taught letters. We will introduce the children to finger spaces when writing sentences.



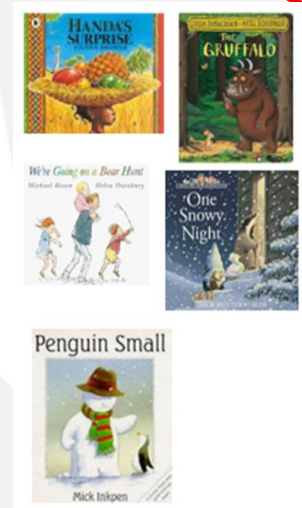
Understanding of the World

Through our key texts, the children will be looking at different aspects of 'Our Wonderful World' from the changing seasons, the weather and how plants grow. We will be planting some different bulbs and investigating the process of freezing and melting on water.



Key texts

Penguin Small
One Snowy Night
We're Going on a Bear Hunt
The Gruffalo
Handa's Surprise





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Physical Development



Our PE day will continue to be Thursday when the children will have a PE lesson with Coach Danny. Coach Danny will be focusing on activities connected to ball skills. At this age the children are expected to be able to throw and catch a large ball and to show some control when rolling the ball across the floor.

In the Early Years environment, we will continue to work on fine motor skills and the development of our finger muscles to aid pencil control, letter formation and scissor skills



Personal Social and Emotional Development

This term, we will be developing the children's independence skills such as putting their own gloves on, doing their zip or buttons up, choosing resources and putting them away.

Through our provision, we will be supporting the children to develop skills when working together e.g. creating a zoo/ working together to build a house.

We will begin to talk about how characters in books are feeling and using our Circle times to develop listening skills



EAD

This term we will be learning about the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. The children will be looking at some of his work, printing with fruit and vegetables, completing observational drawings and pieces of work in the style of Arcimboldo.

In Music we will be exploring sounds and the different ways that we can make sounds including our voices, our bodies and using musical instruments.



Communication and Language

We have key texts, teaching sessions and continuous provision that we use to promote communication and language skills throughout the term. We will be sharing Christmas news encouraging the children to describe the events in some detail.

Throughout our topic, we will be asking different questions to find out about the world around us. We will introduce and use new vocabulary.



Notices

- Please note that PE day is Thursday. The children will come to school in the PE Kit. NO earrings on a Thursday please.
- Please remember to name everything.
- The children need **NAMED** wellington boots and waterproofs in school.
- The home reading book come home on a Wednesday and please can the books be returned to school the following Monday so that they can be changed.

