

Important dates and Celebrations:

Saturday 12th June – Queen's Birthday

Sunday 20th June – Father's Day

Monday 21st June – June Solstice

Tuesday 22nd June – Windrush Day

Thursday 24th June – St John the Baptist Day

Sunday 18th July – Tisha B' Av (Jewish)

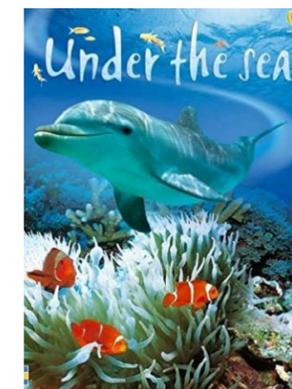
Tuesday 20th July – Eid-ul Adha (Muslim)

Friday 23rd July – End of term



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

RISE UP



Under the sea



Planting

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached our final half- term where

The time has gone so quickly but we are very proud of all children's achievements. We have lots of fun first-hand experiences planned for children such as planting a seed and learning to care for plants. We will be looking closely at patterns and change and talk about how we have grown. As we have been unable to have a school trip this year, we are planning on having a teddy bears picnic at school. We will inform you when this will be happening.

As always, please come and speak to a member of the nursery team if you have any questions or need any support.

RISE UP

Many thanks Miss Dias and Nursery Team

Summer 2 2021

Communication and language

This final term we will continue to develop children's language through retelling familiar stories. We will continue to model using extended sentences to communicate and provide opportunities for children to share thoughts and feelings.

When reading stories to children we will ask 'Who?' 'what?' 'why?' and 'when?' questions. At home you could also encourage children to ask and answer questions. Sharing books together is a great way to do this.

Let's Read and Write

The children are becoming more confident with mark-making and their drawings are becoming more detailed. At home you could model adding detail to pictures and encourage children to talk about what they have drawn.

In writing we will be concentrating on children using a secure pencil grip, so that they are ready for writing in Reception.

Reading regularly with your child is very important and has so many benefits such as develops concentration, social communication skills and will help your child in Early literacy skills. All the children love listening to stories and we ensure that books are always available in different areas in our class.

Religious Education

This term we will learn about different religions such as Islam and Buddhism. The children will identify similarities to Christianity. We will look closely at symbols such as a candle for the light. At home you could talk to children about different religions and share a quiet prayer time together. The children really enjoy reflecting and will always pray for their family and friends.

Maths

This half term we will be looking closely at simple patterns and encourage children to make repeated patterns such as using a variety of shapes colours and objects.

At home you could practice making patterns using food, lego, building blocks and stickers. We will continue to match number and quantity using a variety of objects, as well as separate objects into groups. Children are encouraged to represent number in different ways using fingers, marks on paper and objects.

This half term in Nursery...

Personal Social and Emotional Development

This final half-term, we will be focusing on transitions to ensure that children understand that they will be going into Reception. Also for the children that will stay in nursery, we will let them know that there will be new friends joining them in September. We will continue to talk about our feelings and remind children that it is ok to have different feelings and provide useful strategies for calming down such as taking a few deep breaths or doing some exercise.

Physical Development

Through our continuous provision outside the children have opportunities to develop their co-ordination, manipulation skills and control in using pencils, scissors, glue-sticks and paint brushes. We will continue to develop gross motor through climbing equipment as well as moving in different ways e.g running, skipping, jumping. Children will have the opportunity to talk about the effects of physical activity on their bodies.

We will also have discussions about the importance of being active as well and talk about healthy food choices.

At home you could also talk about making healthy food choices with your child, as well as taking part in physical activities. A nature walk is always a fantastic way to keep the mind and body healthy!

We are reading...

Understanding the World

Our topic for this half term is Planting and under the sea. The children will experience planting a seed and talk about what flowers need to grow. You could go on a nature walk with your child and talk about similarities and differences with flowers, plants and insects.

We will also be having discussions about how they have grown. You could talk to your child about what they can do now they are in nursery.

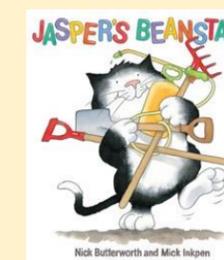
Expressive Arts and Design

As our first topic is all about planting and flowers, we will have our very own garden centre in fig tree class. The children will take on a role in their play.

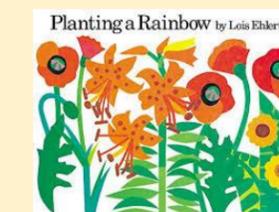
As the children love singing and dancing we will be learning new songs and give children lots of opportunities to express themselves through movement and dance. You could take a trip to a garden centre with your child or talk about the different flowers and plants at the park.



Lulu loves Flowers



Jaspers Beanstalk



Planting a Rainbow

Just a reminder...



Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes on their peg. If somebody different is collecting your child please inform the office and add them to the current list of who can collect your child.