

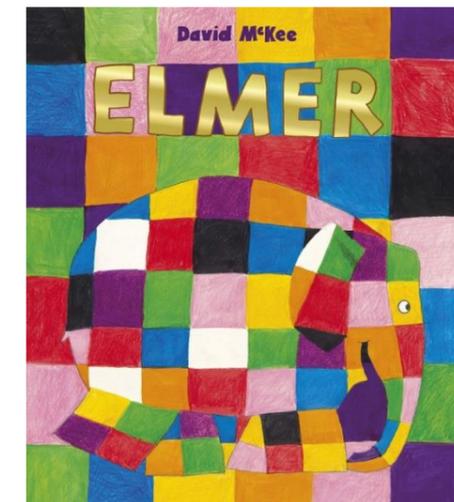
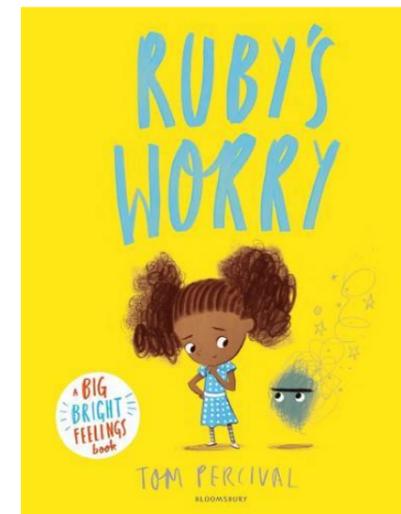
## Important dates and Celebrations:

Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Yom Kippur	Jewish holiday
<b>Friday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<b>Jeans for Genes</b>	<b>£1 donation</b>
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> Sep	First day of Sukkot	Jewish holiday
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	September Equinox	
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Hoshana Rabbah	Jewish holiday
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Shemini Atzeret	Jewish holiday
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Simchat Torah	Jewish holiday
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Feast of St Francis of Assisi	Christian
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Navaratri	Hindu Holiday
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Dussehra	Hindu Holiday
<b>Monday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Half term holiday</b>	



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

**RISE UP**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Reception! We are so excited for this new year and to have your children with us at St John's the Baptist. We cannot wait for your children to get stuck in with their learning; we have lots of exciting things planned for them! A big focus is for your children to have as many hands on and first hand experiences, which we will be achieving during our various half of term topics.

We welcome you all, Miss Hatice and the Reception team.

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**Autumn 1 2021**

## Maths

To begin, the focus will be around your child becoming solidified in their understanding around the ordering of numbers and the recognition of them too.

Once the children are confident with their numerals, we will start to explore matching and sorting. Thinking about how we can categorise things into groups by different characteristics. The children will have chance to match and sort through the entire Reception environment.

## Phonics

For Phonics, we have begun by recapping Phase One – focusing on environmental sounds and improving our listening skills, which will be vital for when we begin to learn our phonics sounds later in the half term. We have been playing listening games such “What’s in the bucket?”, which focuses on the children correctly identifying what type of material is making the sound. Again, being able to differentiate sounds early on is crucial to their learning later in the term.

## Talk 4 Writing (T4W)

This half term we will be reading The Lion Inside, Our House and We’re going on a Leaf Hunt. As we read these books with your children, we will be building up their confidence with their communication and language through repetitive and memorable refrains. Through being repetitive, it also will help your child with their writing skills later in the year, as their ability to hold a sentence will be much stronger.

Your children will also be learning these books through visual aids, such as story maps which again helps with their own independency when retelling a story.

## Core Text/Book

Our core text’s this term are Elmer, Ruby’s worry and Tree. These books are taught across a 2-week cycle. During these 2 weeks the children will get the chance to predict, reflect and discuss the book. The various key topics that are covered during this half of term, are strongly reflected in these books. Such as ‘All about me’ in Elmer. The children will get fantastic opportunities to discuss more about what makes them, them.

## Music

This half term Reception will be learning how to use their voices expressively through a range of songs and chants.

# This half term in Reception ...

## Understanding the World

We will be focusing on the children familiarising themselves with their new Reception environment, especially during our ‘My community’ topic. During this topic, we will be talking about our classroom and home, thinking about how they differ. This is a great opportunity for your children to use their investigation and observation skills. Later in the half term, we will also be exploring the changes in seasons and talking about what those changes look like.

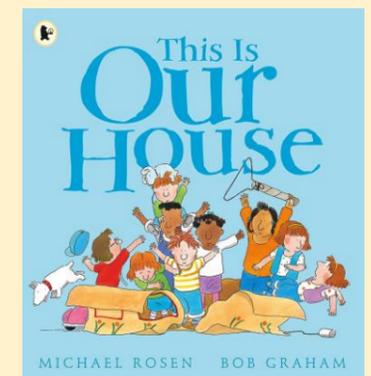
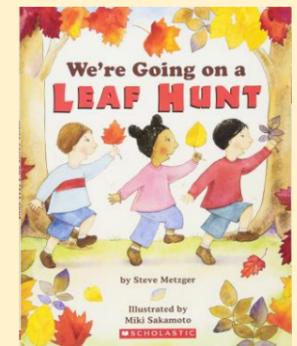
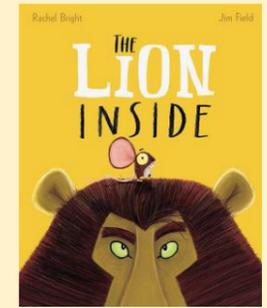
## Art

As we are starting to read Elmer the patchwork Elephant, we will be focusing on collaging techniques for the first few weeks. We will then be moving onto making art with natural resources, thinking about what we can use that is found outside during Autumn.

## Religious Education

For the first half of term, Reception will be beginning to discuss the Bible, exploring what it is and reading from The Book of Genesis and learning about the Earth’s creation.

## We are reading:



**Just a reminder...**



Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes on their peg.

Please ensure that your child is wearing their P.E. kit on **Tuesday** for their lesson.