

Important dates and Celebrations:

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



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

RISE UP



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly a big well done to all the children in Fig tree class who have shown great enthusiasm for the beginning of school. Our settling period has definitely worked! It has been an enjoyable and positive experience for all. Linda and I are very excited for what is to come this year. Thank you to all our parents - you have been very supportive in this important transition period.

Please do not hesitate to talk to us if you have any questions.

Best regards,

April and Linda



Autumn 1 2021

Communication and language

We will encourage the children to share their ideas during circle time to develop their confidence when talking to peers and adults. Words are expected in class when talking please support us and ask your child to use verbal responses. Our role play area is a 'Home Corner' which will allow them to share opinions, experiences and make up stories about their home life. We will be focussing on the following books in class; Oskar loves, Things I Like, My Mum Is Fantastic and nursery rhymes.

Let's Read and Write

This half term we will encourage the children to begin mark making by giving them fun activities to do and blank paper so they can experiment with markers, crayons and coloured pencils. At this stage of the year your child is beginning to use mark making materials and make random marks on the paper, however those marks have meaning and amazing stories behind them. Encourage your child to talk about their creations and ask them questions about what they have made. It's very important that your child feels valued, please praise your child about their achievements and the progress they are making.

Religious Education

This half term our focus is all about our family. Our children will talk about their family members and who look after them. Please bring in a family photograph for our display We will also learn about the Christian family and listen to stories from the Bible.

Maths

This half-term we will In maths this term the children are learning how to sort objects in a fun and creative way. We will be using objects the children enjoy playing with. We are also sorting objects by colour, size or shape and making groups of these to count as a class. The children are encouraged to talk about what they like and why. This will help them to look at similarities and differences of objects.

This half term in Nursery...

Personal Social and Emotional Development

Over this half term we will encourage the children to express their needs and develop their confidence. We will also be working on developing our sharing and turn taking skills. This ability is essential in order to help your child to build positive relationships in class. We will support the children to develop their independence in class by allowing them to put their coat, shoes, and aprons on independently as well as access all areas of learning and resources in the class.

Physical Development

We will be giving the children the opportunity to develop their skills of co-ordination, control, manipulation and movement during this first half term and encouraging them to explore their capabilities. Our lovely outdoor area allows us to develop gross motor skills through large movement such as skipping climbing, jumping and hopping.

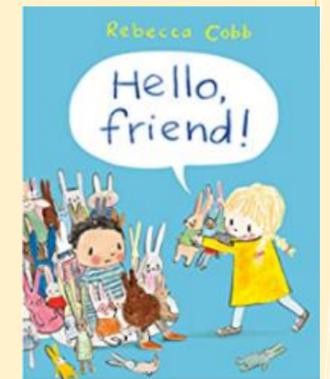
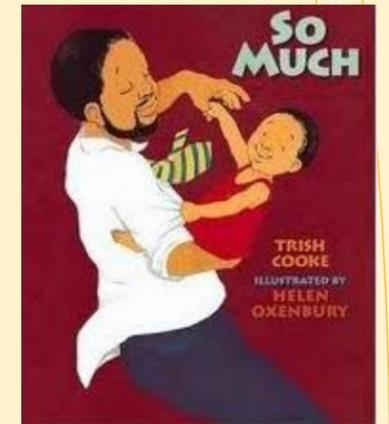
We are reading...

Understanding the World

The topic focus for this first half term is 'All About Me' and 'Nursery rhymes'. We will be talking about what they like to eat and do, who is in their family etc. The children will get the opportunity to share with others and express what's important to them and we will display photos of them and their families so they feel a sense of belonging in their environment. Please bring a family photograph to nursery for our display. Children will also be learning many new nursery rhymes and have the opportunity to bring these to life through play.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will have various activities for your child to express themselves whether this be through art, music, movement or pretend play. In class each area is set up where children can use imaginative and role play like our home corner and construction area. In our creative areas there is always opportunity for paint and collage materials so the children can learn how to use a variety of tools and explore colour. In nursery we love to sing and dance, children will be encouraged to share their love of music.



Just a reminder...



Please ensure that your child has two full 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.