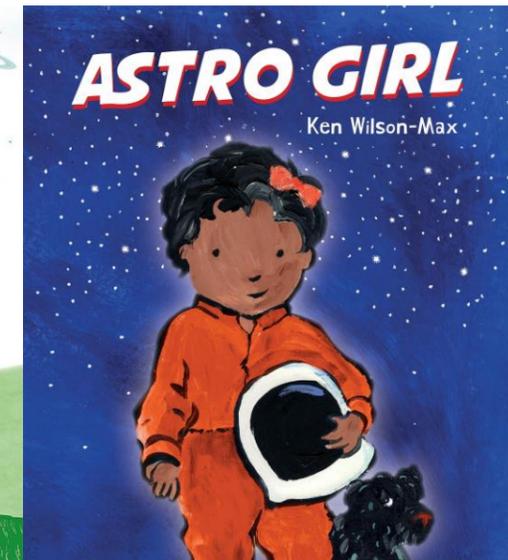
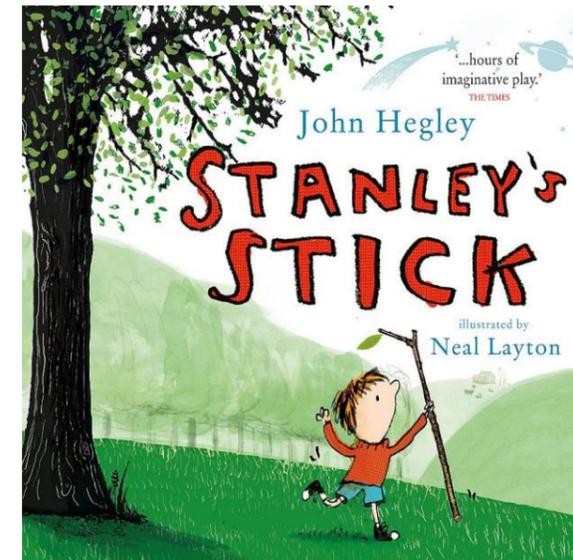


## Important dates and Celebrations:

Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	All Saints' Day	Christian
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	All Souls' Day	Christian
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Diwali/Deepavali	Hindu Holiday
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Guy Fawkes Day	
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Sunday	
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need	<b>Wear spots, bring £1 for Children in Need</b>
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	First Sunday of Advent	
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<u>First Day of Hanukkah</u>	Jewish holiday
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	St Andrew's Day	
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of Hanukkah	Jewish holiday
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Christian
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of term	<b>School finishes early</b>
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	December Solstice	
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Eve	
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Day	Bank holiday, Christian holiday
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<u>Boxing Day</u>	
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Bank holiday	
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Bank holiday	
Friday	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	New Year's Eve	



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Autumn term. It was great to see all the children settle back into Reception life so well and kick start their learning again.

This half term we will be learning all about Materials and Journeys through lots of different exciting books and resources.

Reception have responded really well to their learning environment, so we are ensuring that they are getting the most of everything – both outside and inside.

Kind regards,  
Miss Hati and Apple Tree team

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**Aut 2 2021**

## Maths

In this half term of Maths – we will be solidifying our numerical understanding, ensuring that all the children are confident with their numbers and counting. We will also make it a big focus to learn how to subitise numbers, so that the children are able to quickly recognise a particular small number in a group formation.

Next, we will be working on 2 Dimensional shapes and solidifying their knowledge of each shapes' properties.

## Phonics

Since the start of the year, the children have been working very hard at learning the various sounds. We are currently up to 'u' sound – meaning the children are becoming more aware of 'digraphs' and how they compare to their previously learnt sounds.

We are working towards the children getting into small reading groups, so that they can start applying their sound knowledge to reading. This will be taking place daily, so the children will get plenty of opportunities to strengthen their reading.

## Exploring Art & Design

This term, the children will be practising their creativity through practical making and through using different mediums. The children will continue to learn about what happens when colours are mixed, as well as using their imagination to create representations of people, places and transport.

## Talk 4 Writing (T4W)

The children are thoroughly enjoying their T4W stories. T4W is taught over a two-week cycle, where we create a story map together, but the children are then encouraged to create their own version. After every carpet session, the children take part in a follow up writing session that relates back to the story. This time is another great opportunity for the children to apply their Phonics knowledge.

The children also have access to the T4W story throughout the day in their learning environment. So far we have read the 'Three Little Pigs' and after that we will be doing 'The Gingerbread Man.'

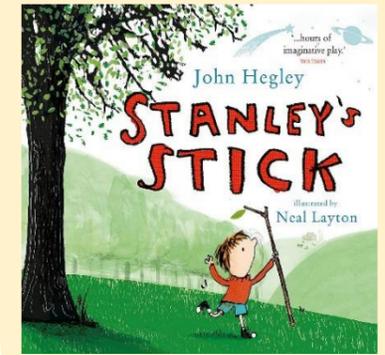
## Core Text/Book

For the start of this half term, the children have begun reading 'Stanley's Stick' as their Core Text.

The children will be busy learning all about different materials and the importance of using their imagination.

Again, the children have access to the Core Text throughout the day in their learning environment.

Next, we will be reading 'Astro Girl', 'Hanukah' and 'The Crayon's Christmas'.



# This half term in Reception ...

## Understanding the World

The main two focuses this term are Materials and Journeys, and over the next two weeks the children will be exploring all things to do with texture and material properties.

They will have the chance to build their own houses, like the Three Little Pigs, outside. They will also have the opportunity to use their senses to describe objects through sensory/feely boxes.

After that we will be starting Journeys, so the children will get plenty of chances to learn about transport, map drawing and lots more!

## Music

In Reception the children will be learning about the orchestra and instrument families. They will also learn how to work together in a group and follow a conductor.

## Religious Education

This term, with the lead up to Christmas – we will be learning all about how Jesus came to be and the Story of the Nativity.

This will be done through carpet sessions and a follow up activity.

## Physical Education

This term in PE the children will learning all about turn taking in various active games/sports. This is a crucial skill for the children to learn as it only strengthens their ability to form friendships and general social skills. They thoroughly enjoy their PE sessions as it is fantastic opportunity for them to improve their gross and fine motor skills.

**Just a reminder...**



Can you please check your child's clothes regularly to ensure they are labelled and they haven't taken another's clothes home accidentally.

Please send back into school the next day to ensure no one has to purchase additional clothes.

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