



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Autumn 1 2022 Curriculum Newsletter

Key Dates and Celebrations this half term:

Friday 23 rd September	Jeans 4 Genes Day
Monday 26 th September	Navaratri – Hindu celebration
	Rosh Hashanah – Jewish celebration
Monday 3 rd October	Black History Month begins
Tuesday 4 th October	Feat of St Assisi – Christian celebration
	Dussehra – Hindu celebration
Wednesday 5 th October	Yom Kippur – Jewish celebration
Monday 10 th October	Sukkot – Jewish celebration
24 th -28 th October	Half term – school closed
Monday 24 th October	Diwali – Hindu celebration
Monday 31 st October	INSET – school closed to pupils

RISE UP

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the start of a brand new year! It was great to see the children returning to class full of anticipation for the upcoming term. We believe the children will find resilience within themselves as they progress through the Year 2 curriculum. They will expand on their previously learned topics while creating cross-curricular connections to engaging new topics and genres.

In addition, we encourage parents to spend 20 minutes each night reading to support their learning. So far, I'm enjoying meeting new family members. I look forward to getting to know each family as we work together for each student's success.

Thank you very much,

Miss Macalister and Miss Pearson



Holly Tree Class



IDENTITY



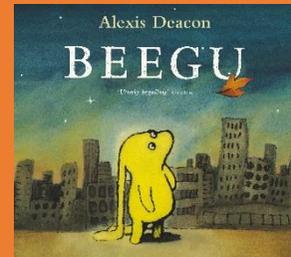
SOCIETY



ASPIRATION



We are reading...



English – Writing

This half term we will continue to write a recount of our weekend to practise forming sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will learn traditional tales using Talk4Write actions to retell the story. We will focus on language features like adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions to improve our writing.

Computing

Building on work on Scratch in Year 1, we will teach the children about simple coding instructions on Scratch to animate a sprite. Children will choose a sprite, select a backdrop and use existing code to animate the sprite.

Maths

This half term we will be consolidating our understanding of number and place value and moving onto addition and subtraction. We will be using concrete materials and different tools to help us work like a mathematician. We will also be practicing the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

English – Reading

Children will be reading in groups to support them to decode and read fluently. We will be discussing the meaning of words and learn how to deduce and infer based on the information given. You can support your child at home by reading with them for 20 minutes daily.

This half term in Year 2...

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Our big question this half term is 'What does the Lord's prayer mean?' As part of this, we will consider the importance of how we talk to and respect others and their feelings. We will consider the meaning of temptation, praise and eternity in the Lord's Prayer.

History / Geography

This half term we will be investigating and becoming historians by looking into Our local area, Hoxton. We will about the Anglo Saxon period of 'Hoch's farm' and our farming past. This unit is about Identity as our children place themselves in the history of Hoxton.

Science

As part of our topic 'Our Hoxton' we will be focusing on food we can find in Hoxton and studying plants. We will learn what a plant needs to grow healthy and strong and we will be planting seeds. We will also take part in an investigations about the needs of the plant and conduct a fair test.

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on **Thursdays**.