



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

# Apple & Pear Tree Classes

## RISE UP

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We hope you have had an enjoyable summer break!

We are so excited to welcome you to our wonderful school! Whether you have attended the school nursery, or are new to the school we are happy to be a part of your child's learning journey.

Our first unit for Autumn 1 is called 'Elmer'. It is part of children's transition into reception as it supports discussions around individuality, family and relationships. This unit encourages children to share things about themselves which make them who they are and to open up about their experiences and families.

We are always happy to answer any questions. Please email the office or talk to us at the gate.

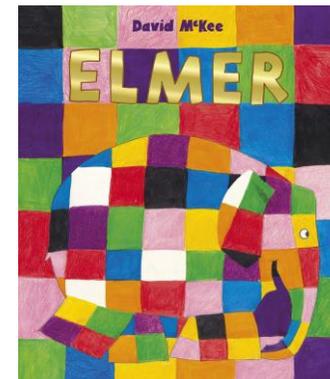
Yours Sincerely,

Rhiannon Rogers, Candan Iscan and Reception team

## Autumn 1 2022 Curriculum Newsletter

### Key Dates and Celebrations this half term:

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



IDENTITY



SOCIETY



ASPIRATION



We are reading...

### 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. This will help your child with their writing skills later in the year, as their ability to hold and construct a sentence will be much stronger. Through the use of visual aids we will encourage your child's independency when retelling stories.

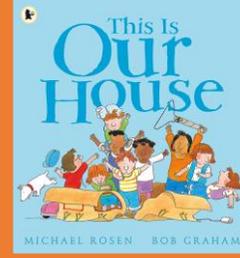
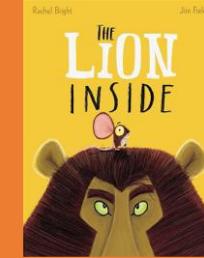
### Core Book

Our core texts 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, discuss and retell 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 special and unique.

## This half term in Reception...

### Maths

This half term we will be exploring numbers to 10. We will be counting forwards and backwards from any number and noticing missing numbers. We will touch each object and give it a number to count effectively.



### Art & Design

There will always be an opportunity for your child to express their creative side. We will encourage children to independently select resources, and try out new techniques. We will be learning to join items using tape/glue and safely explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques.

### Understanding the world

We will be focusing on the children familiarising themselves with their new Reception environment, especially during our 'People, culture and communities' topic. During this topic, we will be talking about our classroom and home, thinking about how they differ, and how the people we know help us. 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.

### RE

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.

Please ensure your child's clothes are fully labelled with their name. The children have PE on **Thursdays**.