

Curriculum Overview

Spring 1 2023



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Key dates

Pear Tree Class

Welcome back from Christmas break and a happy new year!

We are so excited to start this new year and get stuck into some amazing learning this term.

The children have made great progress so far in reception and we look forward to building upon this in our classroom environment and through hands-on learning.

A reminder that phonics packs are changed on Mondays and reading for pleasure books on Tuesdays and Fridays.

With thanks,

Rhiannon and Matilde

Important information:

- Please ensure all your children's clothing is labelled clearly with their name.
- Please consider booking non-emergency appointments out of school time to avoid missed learning.

A calendar of key dates for Spring 1 2023, presented in a grid format with green and yellow background elements. Each date entry includes the day of the week, the date, and a brief description of the event. Many entries are accompanied by a coffee cup icon, indicating a 'Coffee Morning' for parents and carers.

Tuesday January 9th School starts for all children from 8:45am	Wednesday January 17th Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Helping my child with Reading (Years 3,4,5 & 6)
Fridays January 19th & 26th February 2nd & 9th Family Coaching Service: Managing Anger Workshops 4 week course 9:00-10:30am <small>Limited places - link to follow for sign up</small>	Thursday January 25th Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Supporting learning music at home
Wednesday January 31st Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Helping your child with Arithmetic (for Year 1, 2 & 3)	Thursday February 1st Hackney Schools Choir performance at Hackney Church - Times to follow.
Wednesday February 7th Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am SaLT Support (Speech and Language team) Language focus with Katherine	Friday February 9th Last day of Spring Term Part 1 - Half term break ends for all children at 3:30pm .
Tuesday February 20th Spring term part 2 starts for all children from 8:45am .	Wednesday February 21st Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Helping you child with Arithmetic (for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Wednesday - Friday February 28th - March 1st Final Ufton Court trip (3) for Year 4 children. Depart 8:00am 28/2/24	Wednesday March 6th Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Helping at home with spelling (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Thursday March 7th World Book Day <small>More information to follow</small>	Tuesday & Wednesday March 19th & 20th Children's Progress Meetings for Parents.
Wednesday March 27th Coffee Morning for parents and carers Year 6 assessment information session 8:45am in person and 5:00pm online	Thursday March 28th Spring term ends - school finishes at 1:45pm. (No clubs or after school care)

Talk4Writing (T4W)

Our T4W texts this half term are Lost and Found and The Gruffalo. We will be reading through these books discussing the characters and setting in detail, before creating a story map together. We will use BSL for actions to help us remember the structure of the stories.

RE

Our big question in RE this half term is 'Why do Christians believe that Jesus is special?' Building upon our learning from last term, we will be beginning by looking at who is special to us.

Art & Design

Our children love being creative and it has been wonderful to see their creations and how their use of language has improved as they describe the processes of making. We will continue to explore using lots of different materials and techniques in our creative area.

Polite notices

Please ensure your child has a spare set of clothes in school in case of emergencies or water play.

As the weather is cooler, please ensure children are wrapped up warmly to play outside.

Core book

Our core text books this half term are Blue Penguin and The Gruffalo. Beginning with Blue Penguin we will be exploring the topic of Winter through learning about penguins and the South Pole. We will be discussing themes around loneliness and feeling lost, and what we should do if we ever feel this way. Towards the end of the half term we will be looking at the topic of Animals through The Gruffalo. Discussing different habitats and what it is like for the animals that live there.

Maths

In maths this half term we will be continuing to consolidate our deep understanding of numbers to 5 through composition, ordinality and cardinality. We will be looking at the number six, which will begin our exploration of numbers to 10 through concrete activities and games.

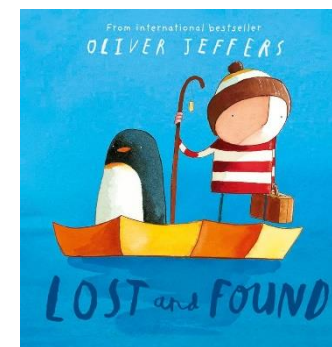
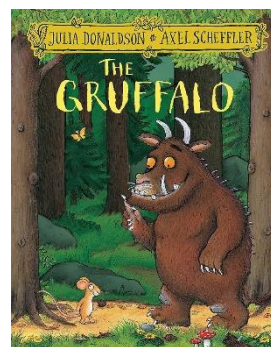
Understanding the world

We will be exploring the natural world around us and beyond in the wider world, and understanding how we need to care for it throughout the half term topics. The children will be recognising some similarities and differences between life in our country and life in other countries through discussions around the core texts and playing with small world activities.



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*This half term in
Reception we are
thinking, learning
and remembering...*



We are reading...