Reading Books

Your child's reading book will be changed every **Tuesday** and **Friday**, so please make sure that their reading record and books are brought to school on the correct days. The reading record is for you to share the different books you read with your child. Please also include books from home or the local library. We appreciate you writing any comments such as how your child found the book, or what part they found interesting. Please keep this brief.

Even though your child is not an indepdent reader yet, you can support them by reading to them emphasising key words and initial sounds, talking about the pictures and asking questions about what you have read. Enjoying books together is one of the most effective way to help your child love reading.

Autumn 2 Key Dates

Friday 7th November

Family Friday: Bonfire Night

Thursday 20th November

Generative Learning Parents Session 2.45

Friday 21st November

Family Friday: Thanksgiving

Wednesday 26th November

Parents Evening 2.00-7.00

Friday 5th December

Family Friday: Winter Decorations

Christmas Fayre 3.30-5.30

Wednesday 17th December

Whole School Christmas Performance 9.00

Thursday 18th December

Last day of term– Children finish at 12pm

We are looking forward to a great half term and thank you all for your continuing support! —*The Nursery Team*

St John and St James C of E Primary School

Class Newsletter

Nursery

Dear Nursery Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new half term! We hope you all had an enjoyable break and your children are refreshed and ready for the new term. This newsletter gives you some information about what we will be learning over the coming weeks.

Autumn and Celebrations

This half term our learning will be focused on festivals and how people celebrate in different ways.



Our key texts will be about celebrations from different cultures and parts of the world. We will make and taste a range of foods that are often served at these events, as well as making celebration items. We will be looking at Diwali, Bonfire Night, birthdays and Christmas in particular.





We will be making classroom displays relating to all things autumnal with the 'treasure' the children have brought in from their autumnal object treasure hunt.

We will also be exploring the changing seasons and weather.

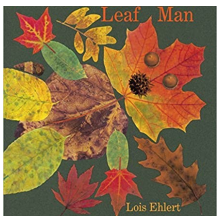


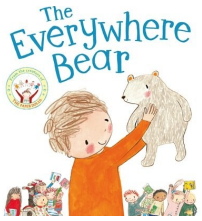
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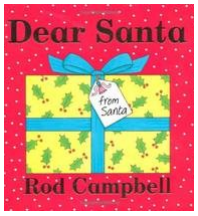
This half term we are going to be focusing on categorising objects according to properties such as size, shape, type and colour. We will also be looking at more and less as well as putting objects in order and stating which is bigger or smaller. We will be reciting numbers to 10 and recognising numbers as digits. You can do this at home too, going on number hunts and counting up to 10.

Literacy

This half term our topic books are:







The Leaf Man, The Everywhere Bear and *Dear Santa*

We will be reading these stories everyday and basing lots of activities around them. Our focus on reading this half term is to repeat words or phrases from familiar stories. We will be learning new words and actions to go with these books and drawing a 'story maps' which visually reinforces the series of events in the book so that the children can recall what the story is about.

In writing this half term we are focusing on gaining confidence when making marks on a variety of surfaces and using a variety of tools. Your child would benefit from daily opportunities to draw or make marks at home.

A few reminders...

Getting Messy

We carefully plan a range of activities and experiences for the children to give them a broad and rich education. These activities may sometimes be messy but will support your child to develop their imagination and use of descriptive language. We do our best to keep them covered and clean, please don't dress your children in clothes that are too special as they may get a little messy.

Warm Clothes

With the quickly changing weather we please ask that you bring appropriate clothing for your children to wear in all weather. We spend a lot of the day outside. Children must have a coat at school even if it the day begins warm. A hat, gloves and scarf would also be helpful in addition to a change of clothes.

Label Belongings

Please **name** all clothing **clearly**. We encourage children to put anything they don't want straight into their tray or bag, however, this does not always happen, in which case named clothing makes all the difference to getting items back to you.

PE is on Monday

Music is on Wednesday

RE is on Friday