St John and St James'
C of E Primary School

Reception Class Newsletter – Autumn 2

Dear Parents / Carers,
Welcome back to a new half term! We hope you had restful break and are enjoying the changing seasons. This newsletter will give you some information about what our learning will cover this half term.

Adults working in Reception:
Miss Korbay, Mrs Ryan, Miss Amrit

The topics this half term in Reception is:

'Materials' and 'Journeys'
We will begin to understand that everything is made of different materials. We will look closely at some common materials such as wood, metal, fabric, plastic and glass. We will use this knowledge to design and improve our own constructions, through junk modelling and creative play.
Through our focus literacy texts this half term, the children will be exposed to journeys, both literal and those in the characters imaginations.

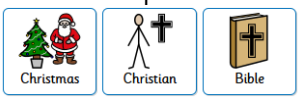




RE

In RE lessons this half term, we will be focusing on the big question:

Why is Christmas special for Christians?



PE

This half term in PE, we will be focusing on sending and receiving with our hands.



Phonics

We will continue to review our focus sounds and red words from last half term:
m, a, s, d, t, i, n, p, g, o
I, the, my, she, be, he, me, we



This half term we will introduce the following sounds and words:
c, k, ck, u, r, f, b, l, e, h, z, w, sh
be, we, to, into, of, you, are

Literacy

In Literacy we will focus on story structure, hearing initial sounds in words and rhyming strings.
Our focused texts this half term are:
Stanley's Stick, The Three Little Pigs and Astro Girl.



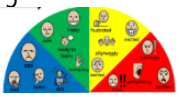
Maths

This half term in Maths will we continue to use our classroom environment to consolidate our leaning, as well as introducing the following topics:
- Exploring, copying and creating patterns
- Counting and ordering numbers to 5
- Comparing quantities
- Understanding the composition of 3
- Understanding the composition of 4
- Counting in sequence to 10



Emotional Development

We will continue to learn how to talk about our big feelings using the Zones of Regulation.



Key Dates

- 6/11/26 – Be bright be seen dress up day
- 13/11/26 – Children in Need and Family Friday
- 19/11/26 – Parents evening from 2-7pm
- 27/11/26 – Family Friday
- 11/12/26 – Family Friday and Christmas Fayre
- 16/12/26 – Christmas performance at Church