

Reading diaries

Please ensure that your child is heard reading at home at least **three times a week**. This needs to be recorded in their Home/School reading diaries. Books will be changed once your child has read their book **three** times at home. Please sign your child's reading diaries as these will be checked at school. If you child read's at least 3 times a week they will be given a certificate each week and entered in to a draw to win a prize.

Spellings

Spellings will be given on a **Friday** and then tested the following **Friday**. These spellings will be put in to a simple dictation sentence and will form part of our English lessons.

These spellings will be a mixture of high-frequency words and phonetically decodable words.

It is important that you help your child to practice these spellings as this will allow them to make progress in their learning.

PE

Our PE days will be **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Children must bring their PE kit into school on a **Monday** and they will bring their kits home on a Friday. Correct P.E uniform for this is a white t-shirt, navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms and pumps.

Homework

At the start of the half term, please send your child's homework book into school so we can stick in the grid for this half term's homework. Please choose one piece of homework to complete each week and these should be sent in every **Wednesday**. The tasks set will compliment the learning that the children are completing at school. Please note, Wednesday is the only day which homework books will be marked.

Here at St John the Evangelist's, we have an open door policy and if you would ever like to talk to myself then please email via year1-ks1@stjohnskidsgrove.org.uk

Yours sincerely
Miss Yates



Toys from the past.



Class: Year One
Term: Autumn 2

WELCOME BACK

Hello Year 1, I hope you have had a lovely half term. I just want to say how proud I am of how well you have all settled into year 1. You are all showing how amazing you are and I can't wait to continue to watch you all grow!

Please see a brief outline of what we will be learning in each subject during the second part of our Autumn Term.

Values and Virtues

This half term our values and virtues are **Learned** and **Wise**. We will be growing to be learned, finding God in all things and wise in the ways we use our learning for the common good.

Religious Education

In RE this term, the children will be exploring **prayer** and **Advent**.

In prayer the children will be understanding that prayer is a special way of spending time with God and identify what they want to praise, thank and ask God for in prayer.

In Advent the children will be understanding that Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The children will be doing their own preparation and celebration for the season.

English

Our focus for English this half term will be to understand nouns and to write with adjectives. We will be using the books Elmer, Stickman, The Jolly Christmas Postman and Dogger. We will be encouraging the children to be more independent in their writing and also be focusing on punctuation, including capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Maths

In maths the children will be learning about measurement, focusing firstly on length and height and then moving on to time. We will learn time by looking at o'clock and half past.

The children will also be then moving on to place value (within 20). The children will be problem solving and using reasoning to master their learning and use a range of concrete, pictorial and abstract approaches.

Science

This half-term, we will be investigating materials and seasonal changes. This includes carrying out observations of the weather, investigating different materials and their properties and performing tests on materials on their uses. We will be learning all about glass, plastic, wood, metal, rock and water.

P.E

This half-term, Year 1 will have P.E lessons on a Wednesday with Miss Yates and Mr Sigley and on Thursday with Port Vale. Please ensure children have the correct P.E for indoor lessons .

D&T

During this half term we will be designing and creating our own toys to link to our history topic. We will be designing, creating and evaluating puppets and cup and ball toys.

History

This half term the children will be focusing on toys past and present. We will be comparing toys from the past to toys we have in the present and creating timelines. The children will learn all about how toys have changed, the materials of toys from the past and also how school days have changed from when their grandparents were at school.

Phonics

The children will continue to do phonics daily, focusing on phase 3, 4 and 5. Please support your child at home with their phonics by reading with them and helping them to practise their spellings. Your child will also receive one piece of phonics homework a week (on Purple Mash) which needs to be completed. It is important that your child completes this additional homework to ensure they are ready for their phonics screening check in the summer term.

Music

Music will be taught this half term by our music specialist Mrs Amison.