

### Reading diaries

Please ensure that your child is heard reading at least **three times a week**. This needs to be recorded in their Home/School reading diaries. Their books will be changed once a week.

**If your child has read at least 3 times at home and it is recorded in their diary, they will receive a certificate and be entered into a raffle to win a prize. This has worked well so far this year so let's keep up the hard work!**

### Homework and Spellings

Homework will be given out half termly by using a multiple choice grid. **One** piece of homework is expected each week. Please send your child's homework book in on **Wednesday** for marking and it will be returned on the **Thursday**.

Spellings will be given on a **Monday** to be tested on a **Friday**. Please ensure you practice these spellings with your children as they are from a list taken from the National Curriculum and help with their phonics.

**We are now asking that all spelling sheets are sent into school on Friday. If the children do not practice their spellings, they will need to practice them during a play-time.**

Phonics activities will also be sent out over the half term to get the children ready for their end of year phonics assessment. These will be set both on Purple Mash and as a sheet in the children's homework books.

### PE

Please ensure that PE kits are in school all week. Correct P.E uniform for this is a white t-shirt, navy blue shorts and pumps. Children can also wear jogging bottoms in the winter.

Here at St John the Evangelist's, we have an open door policy and if you would ever like to see us then please make an appointment with the school office.

Yours sincerely  
Miss Yates



**Up, Up and Away.**



**Class: Year One  
Term: Spring Term 2**

## Spring Term 2

Welcome back! Below is a brief outline of what we will be learning in each subject during the second part of our Spring term..

### Virtues

This half term our virtues are Intentional and Prophetic. We will be intentional in the way we live and use the resources of the earth and prophetic in the example which we set to others.

### Religious Education

In RE this term, the children will be exploring Forgiveness, Lent and Holy Week.

During the forgiveness unit the children will understand the importance of forgiveness as a gift we receive and as a way we can show love to others.

In Lent and Holy week we will understand about how Lent is a time of change and of growing to be more like Jesus, and to gather an understanding of the last days of Jesus' life on Earth and focus on Palm Sunday, the Last Supper and the Stations of the Cross.

### English

The focus books for this term will be Room on the Broom, The Gingerbread Man and Cops and Robbers. Throughout the topic, the children will be continuing to develop their punctuation including capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and general handwriting.

The genres the children will cover include understanding what they have read through a range of activities, and following and writing instructions. We will use The Gingerbread Man book to write instructions on how to make Gingerbread Men and hopefully we will successfully follow these instructions to bake our own!

### Maths

In maths we will be working on place value to 50 which includes counting both forwards and backwards to 50., identifying one more and one less of a number, reading and writing numbers in numerals and words, identifying and representing numbers using objects and pictorial representations and counting in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s. Please practice counting in 2s, 5s and 10s with your child at home to help to embed the learning.

We will also learn about money and shape, including recognising and naming common 2D and 3D shapes and recognising and knowing the value of different denominations of coins and notes.

We will continue to complete our assertive maths sheets weekly to recap all areas.

### Science

This half-term, we will be extending our learning about everyday materials.

We will be testing different materials to create a range of products such as a boat which floats and designing clothes suitable for spring time.

We will also be looking closely at the weather across the seasons.

### P.E

This half-term, Year 1 will have their P.E lessons on a **Wednesday and Thursday**. The children will be learning a range of skills with Mr Sigley and Port Vale.

Please ensure children have the correct P.E for both indoor and outdoor lessons .

**Children should keep their P.E kit in school Monday to Friday and take them home at weekends to be washed.**

### Design and Technology

During this half term Year 1 will be focusing on designing and creating a product which moves. Will be develop our previous learning of firstly designing the product, then creating it and finally evaluating it. We will be creating both moving pictures and aeroplanes from a range of materials, testing them and then thinking about how we could improve our inventions.

### History

This half term the children will be focusing on Reginald Mitchell as a significant local person from the past. We will understand why he was so important to the Potteries and then compare his work to Amelia Earhart and the Wright Brothers.

### Phonics

All children will continue to access phonics lessons daily and there will be an afterschool club run on a Monday 3:10-4pm. It is important if children are able to attend the after school club as it will assist with their learning and help to get them ready for the phonics screening check in Summer.

Your child will also continue to have weekly phonics activities to complete at home.

### PSHE

The children will be focusing on being healthy. This includes understanding how to be healthy and make healthy choices, how to keep clean, understand about medicines and also how to keep safe when crossing the road.