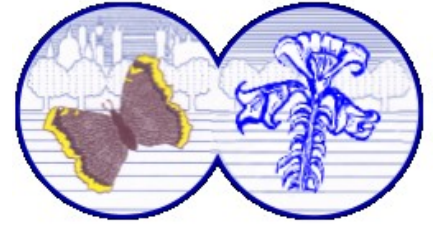


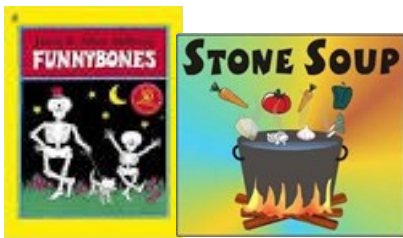
# Term Talk



## CURRICULUM NEWS

### FOR THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ST JOSEPH'S

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## English

In Literacy this term our topics will be based around Funny-bones by Janet & Allan Ahlberg and Stone Soup by Jess Stockhan, an old folk tale, Stick-man by Julia Donaldson and We're going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen. We will be busy re-telling these stories through acting, role playing with masks and puppet making. In relation to Funnybones, we will be finding out about our bodies and our five senses - taste, touch, smell, sight and hearing.

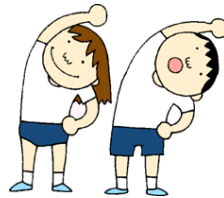
When reading Stone Soup we will be learning about where different vegetables come from, making delicious vegetable soup and writing lists of ingredients.

In order to support the children with their writing we will be engaging in lots of activities to strengthen their fine motor skills. We will be working on the correct pencil grip and doing many different activities which require the children to write their names whilst forming their letters correctly. Writing activities will also involve using their initial and final sounds to label pictures.



## P.E

In PE this half term, the children will be doing Athletics during their outdoor lessons. They will also be developing their coordination skills through floor movement patterns during their indoor lessons. These activities will help to develop their teamwork and listening skills.



## Reading

At school, your child reads weekly with an adult and their reading books will be changed twice a week. This reading, along with their daily Phonics lessons will support their learning, however, the biggest impact for your child will be reading **every day** at home.

Please sign and date their red Reading Diary daily to show that you are supporting your child with their reading. Reception Library day will be on a Friday so please ensure you bring in your book to change.

## Phonics

The children have daily phonics lessons working on Phase 2 from the Letters & Sounds scheme. There will be a Reception 'Phonics & Reading Workshop' for parents on 26th September at 9.15 to be repeated at 3.15pm. Please try to attend. Your support at home is invaluable to your child's progress in reading and writing.  
**YOUR CHILD NEEDS YOU!**



## Maths

This term children are playing lots of fun games to promote number recognition. They are also learning how to count from 1-20 and arrange numbers in the right order. Children are learning how to count arrangements of different objects slowly and carefully with their fingers, making sure that they are able to demonstrate one to one correspondence.

In Autumn 2, the children will focus on learning how to find 1 more and 1 less than a given number up to 20. They will also learn about the names and features of different 2D and 3D shapes and use these to create collages. Children will then explore different patterns in the environment and learn how to recognise, create and continue a repeating pattern in a variety of different ways.

Please practise your child's number recognition and counting skills at home too. Can they count all the cars along the road on the way to school? Can they tell you what the number on the bus is?

## ICT

This half term we will be using iPads and desktop computers to access a range of age appropriate and educational programmes such as Paint and ABC words.

# Religious Education



## The Way, the Truth and the Life

In R.E lessons the children are learning all about God's World. They will be learning about the Creation Story using fabric and props to act out the story. They will explore all the things that God created for us. The children will also be planting cress and learning how we should take care of God's World. Children will learn that God made each one of us to be different. In circle time, the children will be exploring their many different talents and attributes that make them unique and special.

In Autumn 2, the children will be learning all about God's Family. They will learn how God made each of us and how we all belong to God's Family. We will focus on the many different ways we gather together to celebrate God's love for us.

In class the children will be learning a new morning, lunchtime and evening prayer. Please talk to your child about some of the prayers you know e.g. Hail Mary, Our Father and the reasons we might pray to God. Praying with your child should be a daily occurrence.

# Understanding of the World

In class we will be looking at changes in nature occurring around us. We plan to take the children to the local Myatt's Fields Park to go on an Autumn walk to collect signs of Autumn - leaves and conkers etc

At the weekends collect as many conkers as you can. Can your child count how many they have altogether? Bring them into class and add to our conker collection.

We will also be learning about people who help us in our community - Doctors, nurses, dentists, police officers, crossing patrol people, cooks etc. If any parents have a job that helps our community and would like to come and share what they do with the children, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

# Being Imaginative

Children will be learning how to draw and paint a self-portrait. We will also be using our bodies to make hand and foot prints with paint. We will be using our imaginations to create models from a range of materials.



## PSED

# Home Work

Please take your child on an Autumn walk, observing the changes in the seasons.

**Challenge:** How many conkers can you collect lets see which class can collect the most?

# Music

Our music teachers will be joining us once a week for a music session where children will have the opportunity to play and explore various percussion instruments.

Children will be singing in class with their teachers throughout the week. They will be learning lots of new

catchy songs, rhymes and poems complete with actions and musical accompaniment. Hymn practice on



# Things to remember.

Children need to be lining up in the playground behind the red spot by 8.55am with an adult.

Parents/Carers collect their children at 3.00pm prompt from the Reception entrance in the main playground.

If a new adult is collecting your child please call and notify the school office or introduce them to your child's class teacher.

**Please ensure your child's entire uniform and P.E kit are labelled clearly with their name. Many are not which is frustrating!**

Please provide your child with a water bottle clearly labelled with their name. These are taken home daily to be refreshed at home.

### P.E times

Rainbow Class:

Indoor— Tuesday 9.30-10.30

Outdoor—Thursday 1.30-2.30

Red Class:

Indoor—Tuesday 10.30-11.15

Outdoor—Wednesday 1.30-2.30

The children are enjoying making lots of new friends. In class we will be learning about what makes a good friend, i.e. sharing, being helpful and the importance of using caring hands and kind words! Please ensure you reinforce these messages to your child at home too.

We will also be learning about the school's Golden Rules—what they mean and why it is important we follow them. In class we will be earning 'Dojo' points for good behaviour and hard work. Children will be split into different houses & the team with the most points across the school will be rewarded with a very special exciting

## Other Important Dates

**Your child needs you to attend**

- 1. 26th September:** Phonics and Reading workshop at 9.15 and repeated at 3.15pm.
- 2. 3rd October:** Writing workshop at 9.15 & repeated at 3.15pm.
- 3. 10th October:** Maths Workshop at 9.15 & repeated at 3.15pm.