

Maths

This half term in Maths we will continue to use our classroom environment to consolidate our prior learning, as well as introducing the following topics:

- **Composition of numbers:** doubles
- **Counting:** to explore the 'howmany' of a group
- **Subitising** of numbers up to 10
- **Composition** of numbers up to 9
- **Composition** of the number 10

We will continue to practise number bonds to 5 and 10. Follow the link below to see how you could support your child with this at home:

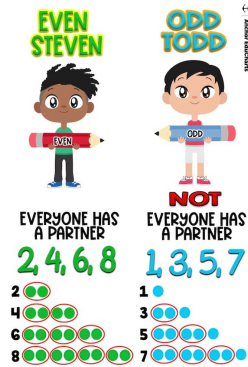


<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcdpf82>

This half term, we will also be exploring **odd** and **even** numbers, we will use the chant:

'Odd numbers end in: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9'

'Even numbers end in: 2, 4, 6, 8, 0'



Reading

We will continue our focused reading groups this half term. These groups will allow children to consolidate their phonics knowledge and develop the skills to blend and decode words. Guided comprehension will also be built into the groups through targeted questioning about the texts that we are reading.

Children will begin to bring their guided reading books home and it would be great if you could continue to read these regularly at home.

Home-School Communication

We will continue to use **Seesaw** and **Google Classroom** to keep you up-to-date with everything that is happening in Reception.



Please also be sure to read our weekly school newsletter, which can be found online, as there is often important information regarding school events and details of any changes that occur during the term.



St John and St James' C of E Primary School

Reception Class Newsletter – Summer 1

Dear Parents / Carers,
Welcome back!

We hope you have had a well-rested break and are ready to start the Summer term! The next few weeks are packed with lots of exciting things in Reception, so please read our class newsletter carefully and as always, if you have any questions please ask.

Adults working in Reception:

Miss Korbay

Mrs Ryan

Miss Little

Key dates:

Trip to SAINT Church - 23rd April at 9:15am

End of term - Friday 22nd May at 3:30pm

The topics this half term in Reception are 'Plants' and 'Mini-beasts'

We will begin this half term by exploring plants - we will learn how to plant seeds and look after them; we will



explore our school grounds and observe the different plants that are growing around us; we will take turns to water the plants in our school grounds and finally, we will plant and grow our very own herb garden!

In line with our literacy key text, we will then move on to learning all about mini-beasts, worms and other creepy crawlies that live in our surrounding environments. We will spend lots of time exploring outdoor habitats and thinking about the qualities that make them good spaces for mini-beasts to live.



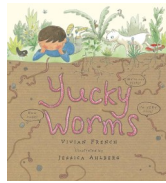
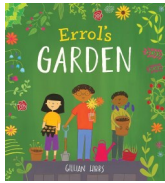
Literacy

In our Literacy sessions, we will continue to look at story structures, hearing sounds in words, writing sentences and identifying rhyming strings.

We have two key focuses for the next half term, they are:

- To recognise and write your own name, with letters in the correct sequence
- To use finger spaces to separate words in a phrase/sentence

Our focused texts are: *Errol's Garden and Yucky Worms*.



By the end of the term the children will be able to recall these stories confidently, using words and actions.

Children will practise their independent writing, based on these stories and will focus on using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops with accuracy and confidence.

Home Reading

It is expected that children engage with their home reading books every night **please ensure that you write a comment in your child's reading diary** to support home school communication regarding your child's progress.

Children will continue to receive a reading book of their choice for pleasure and a targeted reading book, which is reflective of their current reading level.

Reading diaries must be returned every **Tuesday** and **Friday**, alongside their reading books, so that we can acknowledge and reward children's home reading.

It is important that both reading books are returned to ensure that children continue to have access to wide variety of texts. If you happen to have found any remaining books at home from last half term, please return these as soon as possible - thank you!



RE

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

What makes a place special?

The children will explore why some places are special to people. We will look at churches and why they are special to Christians, and mosques and why they are special to Muslims.

Phonics

We will continue to consolidate the learning from the year, particularly our sounds and tricky words.



Prior learning: The entire alphabet and special friends: **ch th ng nk sh a-e ee i-e o-e oo ar**

Red words: I the my she be he me we to into of you are, no, go, put, has, was, they, said, one

This half term we will learn the following new sounds:

c, ou, or, ie

all, your, baby, want

We ask parents to help by supporting their child to continue read these words from sight.

Homework

Homework will continue to be uploaded to Google Classroom on a half-termly basis.

The homework overview will give details of suggested activities and things that you can do to support your child's development across the curriculum.

Homework does not need to be recorded in your child's homework book - feel free to keep this readily available at home for any mark making that you wish for your child to do.

Should you want to share anything that you get up to at home (and please do, we look forward to seeing them) then you can upload any pictures/videos to Google Classroom and we can then share these achievements with the whole class.

PE

P.E will continue to take place every **Tuesday** and it is expected that children come to school wearing the correct PE kit:

- Bottle green t-shirt/jumper
- Black jogging bottoms/shorts
- Black trainers

