St John's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to Reception class! The children are settling into their new routines and are showing great enthusiasm and resilience! We are enjoying getting to know more about each other as we build our class community. We look forward to working in partnership with you all this year to support your child on this stage of their journey. Our main form of communication will be through Tapestry. This is where you will receive observations and information for your child.
The Reception class team are Mrs Jones (Class Teacher) and Mrs Le Page and Mrs Mercier who will also support the children in their learning.

	Reception Enhanced Learning Opportunities	Reception Class Ongoing Learning Opportunities
PRIME AREAS		
Communication and Language	Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions.	Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary.
PSED	Give focused attention to what the teacher says, responding appropriately even when engaged in activity, and show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions.	Be confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience, and perseverance in the face of challenge.
Physical Development	Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paint brushes and cutlery.	Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.
SPECIFIC AREAS		
Literacy	Learn to recognise and write sounds for the letters of the alphabet.	To retell familiar stories in their own words.
Mathematical Development	Explore matching, sorting and comparing. Talk about measure and patterns. Learn about numbers 1-5 in depth and begin to look at 2d shapes.	Recall what they see in their learning environment including patterns and groups of numbers. What do they notice? Sing number songs and solve mathematical problems in play.
Understanding the World	Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.	Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.
Expressive Arts and Design	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools, and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form, and function.	Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs. Share their creations, explaining the process they have used.

As a Rights Respecting School, we will continue to focus on the rights of the child across the curriculum.

P.E sessions.

Children in Reception engage in Physical Development every day. We do, however, have a designated hall time. This term the children will be engaging in Physical Development on Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure that any earrings are removed and PE Kits are worn. Please name all clothing including trainers.

Things to remember

Please can you ensure that your child has named wellington boots and a bicycle helmet as soon as possible. We will be using book bags to send home reading books. When the children bring home their pictures and treasures, please can you empty the book bag each night. We would be grateful also if you can ensure that all jumpers, cardigans and PE tops are named.

Home Learning

Children will learn new letter sounds each week. Please practise identifying, saying and writing the sound every evening. I will send a tapestry post weekly to inform you which sounds we are focusing on and also short videos to help you to guide your child to say and write the sounds correctly. Once the children have settled, we will also use Reading folders to send home weekly books, letter sounds and focus words linked to our 'Essential Letters and Sounds' Phonics learning.

Autumn Term Highlights

We will be led by the children's interests this term. They will decide what areas we focus on. We will begin our outdoor learning sessions very soon. We will be focusing on helping the children to learn more about their world through visits around our wonderful village of St John. Our first trip is already being planned. The children are already asking to collect Conkers, so with this in mind, a walk down Conker Lane will be our first adventure! We will focus on seasonal changes and the celebration of Christmas this term too.

Kind regards,
Mrs Jones and the Reception class team

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