



Autumn Term 2 Newsletter



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RE

In R.E. this term, we are following the *Come and See* curriculum from the Hexham and Newcastle Diocese. Our learning will focus on the topics of *Signs and Symbols* and, as we move closer to Christmas, we will be exploring the theme of *Preparations*. Through these units, the children will deepen their understanding of faith and reflect on the meaning of the Advent season.

Maths

The Maths Mastery Approach is continuing to be embedded at St. John's. Through this, we explore every concept in 3 ways: fluency, reasoning and problem-solving, using White Rose to deepen understanding and encourage children to make links in their knowledge.

This term in Maths, we will continue to embed our place value skills while focusing on numbers up to 100. Children will be counting objects to 100, representing numbers in different ways, drawing and writing numbers using dienes, partitioning numbers, and comparing them. We will also explore 2D and 3D shapes.

Times Tables

Children will be learning to count in 2s, 5s, and 10s and will practise recalling the 2-, 5- and 10-times tables.

- *Numbots* – Year 1
- *Times Tables Rockstars* – Year 2

Please encourage your child to log in each evening for at least 10 minutes to help consolidate their learning.

Welcome back after the half term! The children have had a fantastic first week and are settling in really well. They are getting used to their routines again and are enjoying being back in the classroom. It's wonderful to see their enthusiasm for learning already.

Please remember, if you have any questions or concerns, you can catch me at the end of the day or contact me through the school office – I'm always happy to help and support in any way I can.

Here's to a busy and joyful term as we continue learning and prepare for Christmas!

Science

In Science this term, our topic is *Materials*. The children will learn to identify and compare the uses of a variety of everyday materials, such as wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard. They will explore the properties of these materials — including whether they are hard or soft, flexible or rigid, waterproof or absorbent — and investigate why different materials are chosen for specific purposes.

Geography

This term, our topic is *Exploring the World*. The children will learn about different places, people, and environments, discovering how our world is connected in many ways. They will use maps, photographs, and globes to explore countries near and far, finding out what makes each place special. Through this topic, the children will develop their understanding of the wider world and begin to appreciate the similarities and differences between where we live and other parts of the world.

PSHE & Wellbeing

We will be using *TenTen Resources* to support our PSHE curriculum. This term, our focus will be:

Let the Children Come – helping children understand that God welcomes them
God Loves You – exploring how God's love is shown in their lives
Special People – learning about people who are important to them and how to care for others

PE

Our PE lessons take place on a Thursday and Friday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in an outdoor PE kit. This should consist of: shorts/jogging bottoms (which should be plain/dark in colour) and a white t shirt.

Please ensure that your child is also wearing suitable footwear for PE.

English

This term in English, the children will be exploring a range of texts and writing styles.

They will begin by reading *Lost & Found* by Oliver Jeffers, developing their comprehension and story-telling skills. As we approach Christmas, they will also enjoy the story *Stickman*, using it to inspire their writing.

In their work, children will learn to write informal letters, instructions, and information posters, building their ability to communicate clearly for different purposes.

Reading

Your child has a daily phonics and reading lesson, lasting 30 minutes, where we follow *Sounds-Write*. We regularly assess your child's phonics, and they access books in school that match their phonic level. Books will also be sent home, and we ask that your child reads every night. Please ensure that the reading record is signed each day and sent into school, as reading books will be changed once a week.