

How can I help my child's learning at home?

There are lots of things that you can do as a parent to assist your child with their learning:

Things you might like to do at home:

- Visit the library to choose a story to read together at home.
- Draw or make a picture of a story you have shared.
- Share songs and rhymes together.
- Talk about what is happening when you go for a walk in the park. Notice the plants starting to grow, the warmer weather and the leaves budding on the trees.
- Grow something at home.
- Tell us about achievements at home – *every step of your child's development is important to us!*



Useful websites for fun learning activities include:

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/>

Useful Apps:

Hairy Letters

Letter School

Spring in Nursery!

Our topics for the Spring Term will be 'Wizards and Witches' and 'Spring'. We will be talking about what happens in the spring-time, growth and new life. We will be looking at this and learning about wizards and witches, magic and dragons, by looking at such stories as 'Room on the Broom' and 'Zog'. We will be making magic potions and playing castles and knights as well as much, much more!

We will also be doing some Easter-themed activities and thinking about the Sorrow and Joy of Easter. We will be looking at the importance of the Bible, focussing on animals, looking at the 'Creation' and 'Noah's Ark'.

As always, if there is ever a problem, try to let us know as soon as possible, so that we are able to help in the best way that we can!

- Contact us by phone at: **01253 311248**
- Look at our school website at:
<http://www.stjohnvianneys.co.uk/>
- Find out what we've been up to on our school Twitter page at: [@Nursery](https://twitter.com/sjvblackpool)

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"Spring and New Life"



"Wizards and Witches"



Curriculum Overview

Spring Term 2020

Foundation Stage – Nursery

Mrs Couzins & Mrs Willingham

Mrs Fitzpatrick & Mrs Bancroft



Communication Language and Literacy >>>

Your child's Literacy will be taught through 'Read, Write, Inc...', rhymes and stories.

We are also going to:

- Listen to stories, rhymes and books linked to Spring.
- Listen to and retell some stories. Retell using story maps.
- Attempt writing for different purposes. Practise writing our names.
- Begin to hear the sounds that make up words.
- To take turns in conversation.
- Build up vocabulary related to experience.
- Sustain attentive listening, responding to what they have heard with relevant comments.

Maths >>>

This half term, we will be learning about:

- Counting a small number of objects or actions with 1:1 correspondence.
- Saying number names in order.
- Finding 1 more.
- Order by size/height/length.
- Comparing quantities, saying more, fewer and same.
- Using language of measure.
- Spot numerals in the environment.
- Match numerals to quantities.
- Using the vocabulary involved in addition and subtraction.



Can you tell me what happened in that story?

Religious Education (RE) >>>

In RE this term we will be learning about the wonderful things Jesus did.

- Listen to stories from the bible.
- What is a miracle?
- Saying prayers and making the sign of the cross.
- Showing reverence by joining hands or closing eyes.

Which broomstick is the longest?
Which animal is heavier?

Physical Development >>>

- The children do daily Wakey Shakey each morning where they move to different kinds of music.
- Use playdough-rolling, cutting, squeezing, squashing.
- Explore toys and tools in the sand, water and creative area.
- Use scissors to cut out and make.
- Move around outside in a variety of ways, with control, avoiding obstacles.
- Physical activities including tug-of-war.
- Climbing, balancing and travelling.
- Practice holding mark-making tools to write and draw.

Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural >>>

During Talk Time we will be thinking about:

- Inviting other children to play their games – take turns and play co-operatively
- Taking steps to resolve conflict – being able to compromise
- Taking account of other children's ideas
- Show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings and how to help each other.
- Negotiates and solve problems without aggression
- Following the rules and boundaries of Nursery.
- Using our sticker chart as a reward.

Understanding the World >>>

- Role Play- witch's house
- Small world play-Props for Wizards and Witches.
- Investigating planting seeds and growth.
- Investigating what plants need to stay alive.
- Looking at events that happen in spring-time. Growth, leaves, weather, new life.
- Using our senses to investigate materials.
- Planting potatoes.
- Growing beans.
- Baby animals
- Weather and rainbows.
- Making magic potions.

Can you paint a rainbow and remember all the colours?

Expressive Arts and Design >>>

- Role play – Witch's House, Garden Centre Shop.
- Play dough – with different sensory materials
- Re-telling stories, acting out familiar parts.
- Join in with action rhymes and songs.
- Dressing up as characters from stories.
- Make a spring picture.
- Painting a rainbow.
- Observational painting of plants, flowers, vegetables.
- Moving to music.
- Making musical instruments and shakers.