

St John's Primary School
Class Forecast: Summer term 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to St John's Nursery Class. The Nursery is staffed by Miss Napier (Class teacher), Mrs Emms (Nursery nurse), Lume Bekteshi, and Hannah Whittam (lunch time teaching assistants)

Our Week

Thursday: Mrs Harris teaches a.m. session

Wednesday: Mrs Harris teaches for one hour in the afternoon.

Thursday: Class library (the children choose 2 books each to share at home) book bags to come back in on **Wednesdays** for any home tasks to be changed. Children will take book bags home on Thursdays.

PLEASE CHECK THE SWIMMING ROTA FOR INFORMATION ON YOUR SWIMMING SESSION.

Curriculum

The intention of a class forecast is to give you a brief idea about what your child will be learning during the Summer Term. As you may be aware, the Nursery & Reception classes follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. This curriculum is organised into 3 Prime Areas and 4 Specific Areas.

The Prime Areas are as follows:

Personal, Social, Emotional Development
Physical Development
Communication and Language

The Specific Areas are as follows:

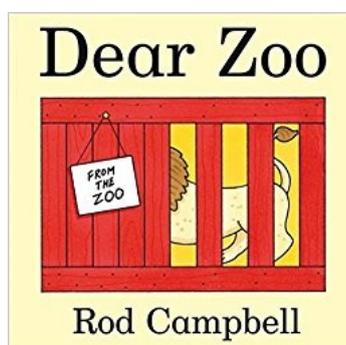
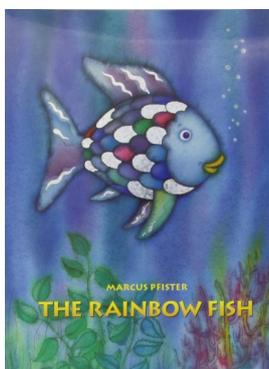
Literacy
Mathematics
Understanding the World
Expressive Arts and Design



The learning and teaching in the Nursery is carefully planned to ensure that all areas of the curriculum are covered. We observe the children and plan activities that are based on their interests, which will develop their skills and learning within the various areas. We do not follow specific topics, as we know that children learn best when activities are planned based on their interests and are relevant and stimulating.

In Nursery we explore a different story each week and plan a variety of cross curricular activities based around the story. We have found the children have been really engaged and enjoy the learning from each of the stories.

Perhaps you could ask your child what they can remember about the stories below?



The children will continue to be encouraged to recognise and write their names each time they create a new piece of art. We support the children to begin to identify sounds they can hear in the environment as well as within words. Some children will also begin learning some phonic sounds, as they become interested and ready to learn them.

Our older children will be working on reciting and recognising numerals 1-20 and our younger children will be working towards knowing numerals 1-10.

We have been learning about the season of Summer and we will begin to explore changes in the weather and in our environment. We are expecting an exciting arrival of chicks to the Nursery. We will be able to observe how they hatch and grow.

The children have also shown a keen interest in dinosaurs. We have asked the children what questions they have about dinosaurs and we are exploring together to find the answers. This has given us the inspiration for our Summer trip where we will head to the dinosaur experience in Paradise Park

Ways to help your child at home

Encourage your child to put their coat on and take it off independently.

- Help your child to be a good listener by encouraging eye contact and getting down on their level when talking to them
- Sing songs and nursery rhymes at home to develop their rhythm and ability to distinguish sounds (this is an important precursor to phonics teaching in Reception)
- Point out print (words, signs, numbers) in the environment, for example, reading the numbers on buses whilst walking
- Read and share stories with your child on a daily basis. Talk about the pictures, characters and events
- Ask your child to help you with practical activities such as counting out items you need for cooking. This will consolidate their understanding of numbers
- Encourage your child to turn take at home

Dates for your diary:

- Date TBC- Trip to Paradise Park

Parents as Partners

Working in partnership with parents enables us to gain a greater understanding of the children's interests and needs. If your child is showing a particular interest in rockets /dinosaurs /babies etc. at home please come and let us know so

Reminders

Please can we ask that you bring in:

1 box of tissues (for the year)

3 pieces of fruit per week

Voluntary contribution of £7.50 per term (for cooking ingredients, arts and crafts, bulbs, seeds & other consumables)

Please remember to leave toys at home

Lastly, if you have any questions or comments about your child's nursery experience please feel to come & have a chat with Mrs Emms or myself. We hope that your child enjoys their time at St. John's Nursery.