St. John's Church of England Primary School and Nursery

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Growing ✿ Learning ✿ Fun

Together We Grow Brighter Futures ♥

Nursery Newsletter

Autumn 2

Kindness
Belonging
Achievement ♥



Our Sudbury Squirrels

Welcome Back Sudbury Squirrels!

We are so proud of how well the children settled into Nursery during Autumn 1. They have shown great enthusiasm, curiosity and confidence as they have explored their new environment, made friendships and become part of our St John's family.

We are looking forward to another exciting half term full of **growing, learning and fun** as we head towards Christmas!

Our Christian Value for Autumn 2

THANKFULNESS

Throughout the term, we will be encouraging the children to think about what they are thankful for and how they can show gratitude to others through kindness, sharing and caring for one another.

Book Bags



Please remember to bring your child's book bag to Nursery **once each week** so that books can be changed regularly and shared at home.

A labelled book bag helps us ensure your child always has something new and exciting to read.

Reading at Home

Please Read Every Day!

Reading together is one of the most valuable things you can do to support your child's development.

- Share stories daily
- Talk about pictures and characters
- Encourage your child to join in with repeated phrases
- Enjoy books together and make reading fun!

Marvellous Machines

In this project, we will be exploring:



- Everyday technology
- Machines that use electricity
- Magnets and magnetic materials
- How machines help us in our daily lives

Puppets and Pop-Ups

In this project, we will be:

- Making and using puppets
- Telling stories
- Joining and creating with different materials
- Exploring shadows and light

Phonics

We continue to develop our speaking and listening skills through **Phase 1 Phonics.**

Children will explore:

- Environmental sounds
- Instrumental sounds
- Body percussion
- Rhythm and rhyme
- Alliteration and voice sounds
- Oral blending and segmenting

Literacy

Our Pathways to Write book this half term is **'I'm going to eat this ant'.**

We will be hunting for minibeasts, moving like a bug, thinking about how the animals are feeling, following instructions to make food from the story (sandwiches and soup) and much more!

We will be focusing on:

- Listening to longer stories
- Using longer sentences (4–6 words)
- Learning many rhymes
- Starting a conversation with an adult or a friend
- Adding some marks to our drawing
- Drawing freely



Mathematics

This term we are developing:

- Subitising
- Counting
- Numeral recognition
- Patterns

Your child should be able to:

- Take part in number rhymes
- React to change of amounts in a group of up to 3
- Count in everyday contexts, sometimes skipping numbers
- Notice and arrange things in a pattern



PE



Children who attend on a Tuesday morning, please bring a **PE kit** to Nursery in a clearly labelled drawstring bag. A simple pair of shorts and a T-shirt is perfect. We encourage children to get dressed and undressed independently, so please practise this at home.

Thank you for your support!

Important Dates

- **Thursday 5th November** – Sibling and individual photos
- **Friday 13th November** – Children in Need
- **Week commencing 16th November** – Anti-bullying week
- **Monday 16th November** – Odd sock day
- **Wednesday 16th December** – Christmas Jumper Day
- **Thursday 17th December** – Nursery Nativity (more info to follow)
- **Friday 18th December** – Children break up for Christmas
- **Monday 4th January 2027** – Children return to school

School Website

Please remember to check the school website to see what your child has been learning and find any letters that have been sent out.

https://www.stjohnsbelper.co.uk/

What is subitising?

Watch the short video to learn what this skill is.

Scan me!

Thank you for your continued support.

Our door is always open. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to a member of the Nursery team.

Mrs Gallen

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