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

Reception Autumn 2

Growing, Learning and Fun

Together we flourish

Kindness
Respect
Friendship
Community
Faith

Christian Value for this half term is...

Thankfulness

Welcome Back to Reception!

Dream
Imagine
Learn
Grow

We hope you had a wonderful half-term holiday and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. This is a busy and exciting half term, with lots of learning, celebrations and special events planned. We look forward to seeing you in **your traditional fairy tale costume on Tuesday 3rd November for our 'Once Upon a Time' launch day!**

Let's make Autumn 2 amazing together!

Project

Once Upon a Time and Sparkle and Shine

Our main project brings together traditional tales and celebrations, helping children explore stories, special festivals and the changing seasons.

Traditional tales will include:

- Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- The Three Little Pigs
- Cinderella

We will also learn about:

- Diwali
- Christmas
- Seasonal celebrations in the UK and around the world.

Different people celebrate in different ways and that's special!

Celebrating Autumn 1

We are so proud of how well the children have settled into Reception.

- Made new friendships
- Learned classroom routines
- Explored our learning environment
- Developed independence
- Begun their phonics and maths journey
- Shown kindness and respect to others

What a fantastic start!

We look forward to building on this success during Autumn 2.

Continuing ELS

This term we will continue our Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS) programme. Children will continue to:

- Review and practise known sounds
- Blend sounds to read words and simple sentences
- Segment words for spelling and writing
- Build reading fluency and confidence
- Enjoy sharing books and stories

Please continue to read your child's decodable reading book at least five times each week.

Writing

Using our 'Pathways to Write' unit based on *The Three Little Pigs*, children will:

- Engage in story discussions
- Develop letter formation
- Write some words and captions independently
- Apply phonic knowledge in writing simple sentences
- Build confidence in early writing

Once upon a time...

Maths

This half term we will continue learning to:

- Read, write, count and subitise numbers 0–5
- Explore ways to make numbers up to 5
- Compare numbers and find 1 more and 1 less
- Name and use 2D shapes (circle, triangle, square and rectangle)
- Use positional language (behind, in front, next to, under)
- Explore time, including night and day

RE

As a Church school, RE plays an important part of our curriculum.

We will be exploring:

- Why Christians perform Nativity plays and how they tell the story of Jesus' birth.
- The importance of Jesus as the Light of the World and what this means to Christians today.

Jesus is the Light of the World

PE Days

Buxton – Wednesday
Castleton – Tuesday

Please ensure PE kits are in school and clearly named.

Important Reminders

- Water bottle every day
- PE kit in school
- Named coat every day
- Puddle suit for Forest School Friday
- Reading book and diary every day
- Good attendance and punctuality

Class Dojo

Please continue to share any wow moments from home – you can upload a photo and we can share this with the class. We love celebrating children's achievements both in and out of school.

Visit our school website

For more information, news and term dates please visit:
www.st-johnshelper.co.uk

Every child is a unique gift from God.

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