

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

In PSED we will be looking at what makes us special and some of the things we have already enjoyed in our new school.

We will also be exploring our new 'rainbow ladder', thinking about how we can follow the rules and expectations in the classroom.



Expressive Arts & Design

To link with our 'Magical, Marvellous, Unique Me' topic, we will be producing self-portraits of ourselves and our new friends. We will also explore how to mix paint to create new colours and use these to create conkers and acorns for our new reading garden tree.



Communication & Language/ Literacy

We will be exploring our letters and sounds, learning initial sounds in words and matching these to the written form. We will be using songs and actions to help us to remember these!

We shall also be focusing on reading books as a class and with the Year 6 children in buddy reading!

This term we will be getting to know our new class friends and will practice being confident to speak in front of our class.

Physical Development

PE sessions will be on a Monday with Mr Angella and Tuesday with Miss Lever.

This term we will be focusing on controlling and propelling objects. We will also be completing team games and activities.



'Magical, Marvellous, Unique Me'

Mathematics

In Maths we will be practicing our counting and shape work. We will be linking these to rhymes to help us to remember them.

Maths is all around us, therefore our outdoor and indoor environment will be great at helping us with our number work.

Understanding the World

This term we will be looking at similarities and differences between ourselves and others. We will also be exploring our new surroundings and be looking at the season of 'Autumn'.

In ICT we will be focusing on the topic of E-Safety and understanding how to be safe when using a computer at home and at school. To help us we will be exploring 'Hectors World' and will complete games and activities based on this.





St Johns Meads Reception Class

'Magical Marvellous Unique Me!'



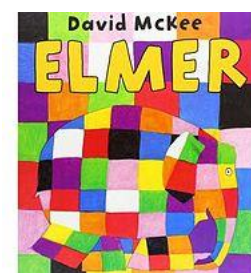
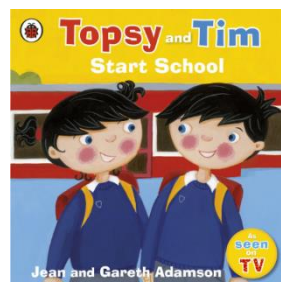
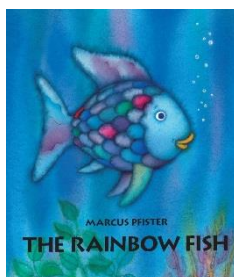
Dear Reception Parents,

Firstly, we would like to say how impressed we have been with the children since they have started at St. Johns. They have all settled into school life amazingly! Thank you for your help and support in making this a calm and exciting process.

Our topic for the first few weeks this term is '**Magical, Marvellous, Unique Me**'. We will be spending time exploring different stories that encourage us to think about feelings, differences and what makes us special. This will also link in with our RE and PSED sessions where we will think about some of the amazing things we are good at or would like to learn next. We will then be moving on to '**Once upon a time**' a little later on in the term, with focus on traditional fairy tales and stories.

Alongside this, we will be working on our number recognition and formation and be developing our understanding of letters and sounds. We shall also be exploring 'Makaton,' learning key phrases and words through signs.

Some of the stories we shall be focusing on this term are: 'The Rainbow Fish', 'Topsy and Tim Start School' and 'Elmer' (look out soon for a little Elmer coming to stay for the night too!)



Below is some helpful information regarding the first term at school and also a breakdown of some of the areas of learning we shall be exploring with the children. These will be incorporated through both child initiated play and adult led activities.

'News from home'

We encourage the children to continue their learning at home which will enhance their learning at school. This could be through reading, phonics, maths or any other means of learning. 'News from home slips' will shortly be sent home in reading folders.

These are slips which celebrate some of the learning that has been done at home and can be shared daily with the whole class. This could be for example:

"..... counted all the red cars on the way to school today, He counted to 15".

Please put these into your child's reading folder where it can easily be found. We look forward to seeing some amazing home learning!

Did you know?



News from home

PE

Our PE sessions will be on a Monday and Tuesday morning. Mondays PE session will be taught by Mr Angella from SKiL. This term we will be working on 'Controlling and Propelling' objects. Please make sure that PE kits are in school at all times. If they are brought home at the weekend, they must be returned on Monday.



Quick Reminders

- ✓ Please make sure your child brings in their **water bottle, book bag and reading folder every day.**
- ✓ Due to the unpredictable British weather, please make sure a coat is brought in every day. This can be left at school if needed. Sunhats can also be brought in when the weather is sunny and can be kept in the children's trays.

Garden donations

We are beginning to develop our 'Winter Garden' in the Reception class outdoor area. We would be extremely grateful for any unwanted winter plants, pots, soil or gardening equipment.

Many thanks already for your support

The Reception Team ☺

