



St Johns Meads Reception Class



Term 2

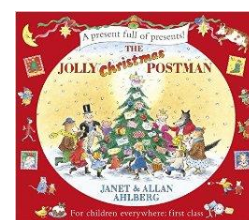
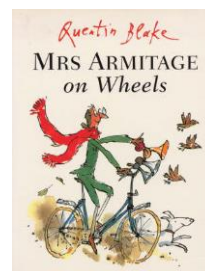
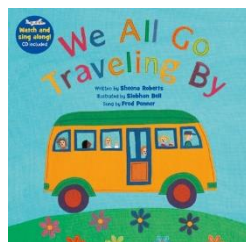
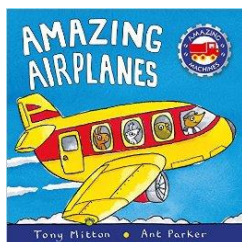
Dear Reception Parents,

Thank you very much for all your support in helping the children to settle into their first term at St Johns. They have all made an excellent start and have produced some fabulous learning in their first term. It has been a pleasure to see their confidence growing daily and I hope they come home and tell you all about some of the exciting things they have been doing.

There will be a chance for you to view your child's first term 'learning journey' book very shortly. More information to be given soon.

This term our topic will be '**Are we there yet?**' where we will be focusing on journeys and different types of transport. We begin our topic looking at the book 'Owl Babies' and will be completing many activities inside and outside our classroom based around this theme.

Some of the stories we shall be focusing on this term are: 'Amazing Airplanes', 'We All Go Travelling By', 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels' and 'The Jolly Christmas Postman!'



Please find below some important information and reminders.

'News from home'

We have had some fantastic 'news from home' slips about home learning. Please keep these coming in!

These are slips which celebrate some of the learning that has been done at home and can be shared daily with the whole class. Please put these into your child's reading folder where it can easily be found. We look forward to seeing some amazing home learning! If you require some more slips please ask one of the reception team and we can give you some.

Did you know?



News from home

Reading

The children have made a fantastic start to their phonics and reading. A big thank you for your support in reading at home with your child, it is making a huge difference 😊. Please make sure you are reading *as much as possible* with your child and are recording this in their reading record book. We do make a note of this weekly. If your child has not been read with then their book will remain the same.

We will be introducing more books with words as well as pictures. The children might not recognise every word but can be encouraged to sound out the sounds they do know. This will all come with regular practise.

Quick Reminders:

- ✓ Please make sure your child continues to bring in their **water bottle**, **book bag** and **reading folder** every day. Water only in water bottles please, this is school policy.
- ✓ As the weather is becoming colder, please make sure a coat is brought in every day. Gloves and hats may also be brought in too, these can be put into the children's trays.



Many thanks for your continued support

The Reception Team 😊

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

In PSED we will be continuing to focus on sharing and turn taking with a range of games and activities to demonstrate this. We will also focus on how we can resolve disagreements with our friends sensibly.

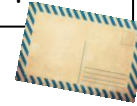
In ICT we will be using 2Simple and other programmes to design and draw different types of transport and make maps linked to different journeys.



Communication & Language/ Literacy

This term our class topic is 'Are we there yet?' We will be focusing on the different types of transport we can take to go on a range of journeys to both real and imaginative places.

We shall be making passports to take on our 'aeroplane experience' and even post our own written letters home nearer the end of term to leave for Father Christmas. Look out for these in the post!



'Are we there yet?'



Expressive Arts & Design

In Art we will be making our own modes of transport by designing and making these using junk modelling. We will also be exploring how instruments work.

Nearer Christmas we will be doing a wide range of 'Christmassy' activities and crafts to bring home to show you!



Mathematics

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

We shall also use our indoor role play of an airport to help us with our learning of money and direction



Physical Development

This term our focus is Gymnastics and Dance. We shall be linking these concepts to our topic exploring different ways of moving and thinking about how we can perform confidently to others. PE will continue to be on a Monday and Tuesday.

We will also be enjoying a range of fine motor skills activity in our outdoor area to work on our handwriting and pencil grip.



Understanding the World

This term we will be looking at the different seasons, starting with an Autumn walk, observing the changes we are beginning to see.

We will also be learning about Bonfire Night and how we can be safe when around fireworks.

Later on in the term will be learning about the Christmas Nativity and be working very hard to practise for our Nativity performance!

