

November 2023



John Paul Class

Autumn Two Curriculum Letter

UPDATE!

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It has been a fantastic start to the year. The children have settled well into the routines and are enjoying their days learning and exploring together.

Thank you for your support. Please continue to bring your reading books and library books in daily, in the plastic wallets provided.

The phonics information can be kept at home for you to refer to regularly.

PE is now on a **Friday, outdoors**. Please ensure the correct kit is packed for indoors and outdoors, in case of poor weather. **Your child needs a top, shorts, navy jogging bottoms, a navy blue jumper and trainers / plimsolls. Please ensure all of this kit is in their bag, every week.**

At home, please encourage your child to begin getting changed independently / helping you. We are explaining to the children that they need to practise skills. Thank you for your support with this.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Save the Date

Please refer to the calendar that has been sent out with specific dates on.


Wednesday 22nd November - Individual and Sibling Photos (Winter Uniform, please)

Friday 8th December - EYFS Nativity performance (doors open at 1:30pm)

Friday 8th December - Christmas Fayre (Playground, 3:30pm - 5:30pm)

**Miss Pulle
(Teacher of John Paul Class)**

How can you help your child?



If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely!

Roald Dahl



PE

Please bring PE kit on a **Monday**. PE is a **Friday** afternoon. This session will be outside.




Read daily.

Read to your child daily and get your child to read to you daily. 5 minutes can really make a difference.



Writing.

Write messages to your child. Get your child to write messages to you. Encourage them to write initial sounds and begin to write CVC words.



Phonics

Go over the phonics sounds from each week, daily. Recap how to read and write the grapheme. Go on grapheme hunts around the house!
Write and read the key words sent, daily.



Maths

Subitise numbers 1 - 5. That means you begin to recognise the number without counting the objects.



Retell stories

When you have read a story, show your child the pictures from the story. Can they retell the story to you using the pictures?



Oral Blending.

Sound out words for the children to blend. E.g. Point to your ch-ee-k. Can your child blend the phonemes and do what you ask them to?

Our Learning.

Main Topic: Around the World

In this topic, the children will be learning about the world around them and the different celebrations. They will explore countries around the world.

RE

The children will be learning about Diwali, Baptism, Chanukah and Advent. The children will also be participating in the Nativity performance. We will be reading bible stories and saying prayers, 4 times a day, as part of our RE curriculum.

Maths

We will be following the White Rose Maths scheme. This half term, we will be focussing on the topic '1,2,3' and 'Light and Dark', encouraging children to represent, compose and compare numbers 1,2 and 3. We will also be looking at numbers up to 5 and looking at one more and one less. The children will be learning some position language and begin to look at the concept of time and some shapes.

Phonics / Writing.

We will follow the scheme 'Little Wandle' and will have phonics lessons, daily. The children will be reading 3 times a week in a guided group. We will be encouraging the children to write 'messages' using the skills they have learnt. Please continue to focus on the key words at home. **Some children will be recapping the Phase 2 sounds (which we covered in Autumn 1) and some children will be moving onto Phase 3 sounds. If you do not receive the new planning on Friday, please recap the flashcards you have at home and focus on blending. This is to support the children in their learning.**