



All Saints Reception Newsletter



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This Week/Term

English: Our topic this half term is 'Growing up, up, up!' We will focus on story books such as 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'The Hungry Caterpillar' as well as learning about how our bodies and plants grow. Children are gaining confidence in orally composing and writing their own sentences.

Home challenge: Can your child retell the 'Jack and the Beanstalk' story to you? Video this on Tapestry if so!



Phonics: We have been learning some trickier sounds lately, including the qu, ay and ee sounds and children are beginning to recognise these in words.

Home challenge: Can you spot any of these sounds at home? (For example, in quiz, playstation or in seed).

Maths: Now children have gained confidence in adding numbers together, we will be exploring subtraction in class.

Home challenge: Try to find any opportunities to practise subtracting at home. For example, I have 5 bananas and I'm going to eat 2! How many have I got left?



Next Steps!

If you have returned your child's 'Next Steps' form, please find their personalised next steps targets with this newsletter.

It is essential that home and school work as a team to achieve the best possible outcomes for your child. We are asking you to support your child at home to meet these targets as soon as possible.

If you would like any further guidance as to how you can support your child at home, please speak to your child's class teacher.

If you have not yet returned your 'Next Steps' form, another copy is attached to this newsletter for you to return ASAP.

Important Dates

Thursday, 7th March: World Book Day (Reception children will join up with an older year group and have a special book day afternoon, designing, making and reading story books. An established author will also come into school to read children a new story!)

Stay and Play dates

Please try to attend or ask a family member to attend if possible:

Friday, 8th March: Stay and Play and World Book Day Breakfast (9:00am until 9:45am).

Friday, 22nd March: Stay and Play (9:00am until 9:45am).

Friday, 5th April: Stay and Play (9:00am until 9:45am).

Special Events/Activities/News

Your child has been given a school reading book at Parents' Evening. Please allow **5 minutes each night** for your child to read this story to you and to ask the questions at the back of the book. They may need a little support sounding words out at first but will begin to develop fluency after reading the story several times. We are asking you to listen to your child read at least **5 times per week** to develop this fluency, which will also raise their confidence and self-esteem.

Please take photographs and videos and write a comment on Tapestry regarding your child's reading. We will then celebrate their reading progress with the class during 'Magic Moments!'



Thank you!

A special thank you to parents regarding homework. It is great to see the majority of Reception children very keen to bring their homework in on time or even early! It is important that we nurture this enthusiasm to complete activities set both at home and in school.

