



Summer 2024

Here comes the sun... (we hope!)

We hope you and your families had a lovely Easter break. The children have been busy sharing their holiday news in school. It's hard to believe we are beginning our final term. The children have settled back in beautifully and have been working hard and listening well. We have been so impressed with how well they have adapted to being dropped off at the gate this week.

In RE, we are learning about Easter and will soon be learning about Pentecost. Our final topic will be Prayer. Through our topics, we will be learning about how to look after our teeth, learning about a story from another culture (Handa's Surprise) and a story from the past (Flotsum). We will also be completing a topic on real life superheroes and will support this by visiting Warwick Play Village (Date TBC). Later on in the term, we will be working with the children on transitioning into Year 1.

Prime Areas		
Personal and Emotional Development	Communication and Language	Physical Development
We will be continuing to work on ensuring that the children feel happy and are prepared for their move into Year 1. The children will be developing the confidence to make decisions for themselves and make their needs known. They will be able to take a more active role in their learning journey. Friendship groups that have been made will be grown and developed and we will be encouraging the children to solve small disagreements between themselves.	The children will continue to be encouraged to speak in sentences, sharing news and asking for help. As well as listening and responding to ideas expressed by others, the children will also be encouraged to answer 'how' and 'why' questions about what we experience and learn through our topics.	We will continue to practise our fine motor skills by cutting, sticking, rolling and stretching. We do this using Lego, play dough, threading, sand, marbles and building and model making materials. We will continue to use these fine motor skills to help form our letters more accurately.

Other areas			
Literacy	Maths	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design
We will continue to build on our phonics and reading skills in our daily phonics lessons. We will be using our skills to improve our sentence writing and will work on our finger spaces and the use of capital letters and full stops.	We will be looking at addition and subtraction, grouping and sharing and manipulating shapes.	We will learn a story from the past and will compare it to our world now.	We will continue to produce different artwork, exploring a variety of materials, tools and techniques. We are going to study a local artist too. In music sessions, we will listen to different types of music and explore how they make us feel.

Reading

Reading is a huge part of our EYFS curriculum in Reception and is our main homework focus. The children are working so hard during phonics sessions and their confidence is growing all the time. Please ensure you hear your child read at home as often as you can (ideally 5 times a week!) and sign their diary after you have heard them. It's also really important that you send their reading books in each day so that they can be heard read in school too. Just a reminder that reading books are changed every Friday. They will be given a FFT shared reader (which we will have read that week in school every day) and another book which is a bit more challenging. If you need any help with the reading, please ask!

Warmer Weather

We can only hope that the warmer weather will be with us soon. As we spend quite a bit of time outside each day, please ensure your child has a sun hat and sun cream applied on warmer days.

Please see the main school newsletter and website for whole school events and updates that will occur. If you have any difficulty accessing this, please let us know.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I think you will agree that the children have made fantastic progress and I look forward to seeing where we are at the end of the year and helping them to get ready for Year 1.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me at michelle.smith@allsoulsschool.co.uk

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