



Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents / carers.

Welcome back! We hope you are all well, it is wonderful that the children have come back with such enthusiasm and a thirst for learning. They have settled so beautifully into their new routines after such an uncertain time and it has been lovely to listen to them chatting and laughing with friends, sharing news and comparing who is the tallest.

Welcome to our school all the children and parents that have joined our Reception class this term. Your children have embarked on their lifelong learning journey and we are so happy to welcome them to our school family. Our main priority is that the children all settle into the Early Years environment happily and safely and have lots of opportunities to make/ build on relationships with their teachers and other classmates.

Our current topic is 'It's Love That Makes Our World Go Round' and our big question is 'What kind of world do we want?'

We will be doing lots of work on emotions and feelings and we will work with the children to help them to understand that we may all look different but we are all part of God's family and we should respect and love each other as God wants us too.

EYFS Stay and Play We will be hosting a Stay and Play soon for your children to share their learning from this topic. We will inform you of the date in plenty of time and we are very excited to be able to welcome you all into the classroom again.

Outdoors We spend lots of time outside, learning through play every day whatever the weather! Please can you provide wellies for your children to keep in school, so they can enjoy the mud kitchen, water area and also our welly walks. Please also ensure your child has a coat in school regardless of the weather.

Thank you so much for your support this week you should be very proud of your children.

Mrs Dunning and Miss Laden



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Our first topic this term is 'Myself'. We focus on what makes us precious and that God loves each of us.

We then move onto our next topic 'Welcome'. During this topic we focus on being welcomed into the church.

Please send in any photographs of your child's baptism or email them to dunning.c@staugustines.npcat.org.uk

PE

The children are trying very hard to dress and undress themselves. Please help them develop their independence by allowing them to do this at home too.

Maths

During the Autumn Term we focus on pairs, grouping objects by simple properties and we use the Mastery approach to look at numbers within 10. We also use Numberblocks to support our learning.



Writing

Writing takes many forms in Reception. We have started trying to write our full name. As well as writing sessions, there are plenty of opportunities to write in all areas of our provision. We practise our fine motor skills throughout the day too.

Phonics

In Reception, we are following the Little Wandle Revised Letters & Sounds phonics scheme. There will be an information meeting on Wednesday 22nd September at 3pm for you to learn more about this scheme and how we teach children to read.



Reading

Your child will shortly begin bringing books home. There will be one for your child to read to you and one for you to read to your child. It is really important that all books are returned to school each week. There will be more information about this during our Phonics information meeting.

The Early Years curriculum is split into 7 areas of learning. Here's what we will be focussing on this term –

Prime Areas

Personal, Social and Emotional Development – Settling in, taking turns, sharing fairly with others, forming good relationships with peers and adults.

Communication and Language – Speaking and listening to each other, sharing ideas, developing questioning words and skills, learning new songs and nursery rhymes.

Physical Development – Exploring and learning in all weathers, using a wide variety of indoor and outdoor equipment to develop fine and gross motor skills.

The four specific areas help children to strengthen and apply the prime areas:

Literacy - Sharing stories, writing our names, labels, games to develop listening skills and beginning the Little Wandle phonics programme.

Mathematics – Sorting using simple properties, matching and pairing, numbers 0-10.

Understanding the world - Learning about ourselves, people who live in Afghanistan, refugees and the world around us, sharing stories and exploring the changes happening as we move into Autumn.

Expressive arts and design – We will be learning about the American artist Alma Thomas and the difficulties she faced growing up as black girl. We will also be encouraging children to be creative and use their own ideas, self-selecting resources, making choices about how to combine parts to create different effects and investigating different textures.

Uniform

Everyone is looking extremely smart in their green St Augustine's uniform! Please make sure your child's name is in **every** item of clothing, coat, shoe etc. We already have lost items.

Snack / Water bottles

School will provide a fruit or veg snack daily.

Water bottles should only contain water. Please no fruit juice, fizzy drinks or flavoured water. We will do a lot of work on looking after our teeth and these drinks have been proven to damage them.

Google Classroom

Homework will be set using Google Classroom.

A further letter with your child's email address and password will follow, with a help guide.

TERM DATES: ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-22



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190 PUPIL ATTENDANCE DAYS PLUS 5 PD DAYS

Bank Holiday

School Holiday

PD Days (students will not attend school)

