

All Saints' C. of E. Primary School

Rooted in faith, growing through learning, enabling all to flourish



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see you all on the home visits and to hear about your lovely holidays. Thank you for welcoming us into your homes and making us feel welcome. It has been really nice to get to know the children these couple of days and ease them into the busy school life that lies ahead. The children have been absolutely amazing, and it is our greatest pleasure to see them come to school with big smiles, all cheerful and confident. As I have expressed before, our main priority this first half term will be to settle the children and make sure that everyone is happy and content, ready to learn. Thank you for your support in this, I know there is so much you do at home to make this transition as smooth as possible. Outlined below is some of the exciting learning this Autumn term. A timetable with the structure of the day will also be sent for your information.

Our Topics: Autumn 1-Me, myself and I

Autumn 2-Life in its fullness

Our learning is underpinned by Matthew 22:39: ***37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.***

Communication and Language:

We will be focusing on the children's ability to listen and understand more complex stories. We will be learning how to sequence these stories too. Progressively, children will be encouraged to work on attention and focus so that they are able to participate in whole class activities and discussions. In our discussion adults will encourage children to use a wider use of rich vocabulary so that they are able to articulate their thoughts, feelings and ideas. We will also focus on taking turns in conversations on the carpet and during free flow.

Personal Social and Emotional Development:

Our focus will be on their ability to work and play alongside others and have a firm understanding of school rules and values. With the progression of the term, learners will be encouraged to speak confidently to familiar adults and embrace new social situations. We want children to learn what a good friend looks like, resolve conflict constructively and regulate emotions effectively.



Physical Development:

We are lucky in our school to have professionally lead sports provision. SG Sports will carry PE sessions on Thursdays. There will be another PE session that is led by the teacher on Friday. On these days children can come to school with their PE kit. The main focus during these sessions will be developing and improving moving in a variety of ways- skipping, jumping, running, climbing, etc. Children will learn to use and explore equipment with confidence and will begin to take part in group games and activities.

Phonics:

Children will begin Phase 2 Phonics from next week. We are using the Little Wandle Phonics Scheme. This learning will be shared with you via Google Classroom, every Wednesday, 4pm. You will be notified about login details very soon.

Additionally, to this we would like to invite you to a meeting that will give you a more comprehensive look at the way we teach reading and writing in our school. The meeting will take place on **Wednesday 30th September straight after drop off**. Your attendance is highly encouraged!

Literacy:

We will have a detailed look at two particular texts: *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain* by Verna Aardema and *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak. The children will begin to demonstrate an understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary. They will learn to anticipate – where appropriate – key events in stories, use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions.

Maths:

We will begin our Maths journey with subitising- this is the ability to look at a small set of objects and instantly know how many there are without counting them. Children will then move on to linking numerals to number value, explore the composition of numbers to 10 and compare 2 sets of objects and say which is 'more than' or 'fewer than'.

Additionally, to this we would like to invite you to a meeting that will give you a more comprehensive look at the way we teach Maths in our school. The meeting will take place on **Thursday 24th September straight after drop off**. Your attendance is highly encouraged!

Understanding of the World:

We will be looking at our immediate and extended family, our friends and the wider community. We will talk about our family as a unit, what is special about our family, how are families different and we will be exploring families from around the world. **To support us in our learning I would love it if you can bring a photo of your immediate family.** With the photos we will create a display in the classroom that will stay up for the rest of the year. If you have a book at home that links with our topic (fiction or non-fiction) we would love it if you can share it with us.



In Autumn 2, we will be focusing on seasonal changes, how the weather affects us and the nature all around us. We will explore variety of celebrations that are characteristic for the season. The term will of course culminate in our joined EYFS Nativity production to help us celebrate Christmas- one of the highlights of the year! Dates to come nearer the time.

Expressive Arts and Design:

The children will have the opportunity to enjoy daily activities linked to the topics. This will be resonated in our continuous provision. We will be exploring mark making with varied media and we will be building up on their creative abilities and ways they can express them. We will also have weekly music sessions with a professional music teacher on Thursday morning, where the children will explore how to create a rhythm, follow a music sequence or a pattern that is presented to them.

Home Learning:

Home learning will be set out weekly through Google Classroom, a login will be sent out to you shortly. At first this will be a short summary/reflection of the week's learning with added suggestions of how to extend the children's learning at home.

Things to bring in every day:

- As previously discussed on the home visits, please have a change of clothes in the children's bag as well as water bottle and an afternoon snack (only fruit or vegetable, please. No packaged goods!).
- Suitable outdoor wear, we are Early Years and the children need to be able to explore the outdoors freely and without hesitation.

Reminders/notifications and dates for your diary:

- Please label absolutely everything- clothing, shoes, water bottles, etc.
- **The children enjoy daily access to art materials that are essential to their learning. To cover the costs of ingredients for these activities, we would love it if you can bring a voluntary contribution of £15.00 for this term, or £45.00 for the whole year. Your generosity will be much appreciated!**
- Children begin full time from Monday 14th September
- Thursday 17th September, 17.30pm- Meet the Teachers and Governors. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the teachers in the school, find out about their wider school responsibilities and the involvement of the governors in the school life. It is also a great opportunity to meet with other parents.
- Thursday 24th September, straight after drop off- Maths meeting for Reception parents
- Wednesday 30th September, straight after drop off- Phonics meeting for Reception Parents
- Remarkable Readers is happening every Friday 8.45am-9.00am- Parents are invited to read with their child (and other children) in the classroom. Children absolutely love this event and it is one of the highlights of their week! Remarkable readers in Reception will commence on the **2nd October 2026**, this is so the children are fully settled before this event begins. Thank you for your understanding.

Please feel free to email us with any questions throughout the term:
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Best Wishes,

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Reception Teacher



