

Reminders about the School Day

The school day begins at 8.45am. Please ensure that your child is in their classroom before this time so that we may start promptly. We open the gate from 8:30am.

The school day ends at 3.15pm. Please wait at the green fence until you are invited in. We appreciate your patience and understanding with this. Children who are not collected by 3:25pm will be sent down to the office. You will need to sign them out from there.

Winter Uniform

Children should wear the correct school uniforms at all times.

During winter months boys should wear grey trousers with a white button down shirt, blue school tie and royal blue jumper.

For girls this is a tartan skirt or grey trousers, white shirt, blue school tie and royal blue jumper or cardigan. Tights should be navy blue, black or grey. Hair bobbles should be school colours.

If your child wears welly boots/leather boots to school on a wet/snowy day they must be changed into normal school shoes once they arrive at school.

Please continue to read regularly

We will continue to hear the children read individually at least once per week, alongside our daily phonics sessions. They may be heard by a teacher, teaching assistant or a parent helper.

Books will usually be changed on a Monday. Please read with your child every evening, concentrating not only on the words in the book but also on your child's understanding of what they have read.

The children will continue to learn letter sounds during 'Read Write Inc'.

These will now mainly be digraph sounds (special friends.) The children will practise blending these sounds orally and reading them on word cards.

We will also be learning some 'tricky words'. We will send a bookmark of tricky words home with your child to practise.

We will be starting our new reading challenge after the holidays. Each time your child reads they will move along the challenge track and if they reach the target number by the half term holiday they will get a reward. We ask that you read with your child **at least 5 times a week**.

To help us know how many times they have read at home please sign in their home reading diary every time and comment to say how they accessed the book.

Wellies and Sun Hats

Thank you for sending your child's wellies into school. We will continue to keep them so we can enjoy our weekly Forest School sessions.

As the weather improves, you may also want to send a labelled sun hat into school, which can be stored in your child's tray.

Come and read with your child!

From January we would like to invite you into the classroom Every Wednesday morning at 8:30am - 8:45am to have an opportunity to read with your child. As soon as you arrive on that morning you can come straight in and read their reading book with them. We will be available if you would like to ask questions about how to read effectively with your child. As soon as you hear our tidy up music you are free to leave so we can make a prompt start on the day's learning.

P.E.

P. E. for both classes will continue to take place on a Thursday afternoon.

Please make sure that your child's P.E. kit is in school and that all the clothes which they will take off are clearly labelled. Please encourage your child to try to dress and undress themselves. For safety reasons, please do not allow your child to wear any earrings on P.E. days. On other days, only stud earrings are permitted.

During the winter months you may wish to send in a pair of black or navy jogging bottoms and a jumper/hoodie to help keep your child warm.

Our Topics

1st Half Term

We're going on a Bear Hunt

- The children will learn the story using a story map.
- They will then 'innovate' the story by changing 1 part.
- They will learn how to make a list of the things they will need to take on a Bear Hunt.

2nd Half Term

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

- The children will learn the story using a story map.
- They will then 'innovate' the story by changing 1 part.
- They will learn about lifecycles.

R.E.

Galilee to Jerusalem - Our first R.E topic will give the children a chance to explore the concept that Jesus was sent for everyone. We will listen and respond to the stories: The 3 Wise Men, Jesus welcomes the little children and the feeding of the 5000. We will learn how we can share our gift of love with others including the poor and vulnerable.

Gathering - Our second RE topic concentrates on the celebration of Mass. We plan to visit St George's Church and talk to Fr Alan about the different elements of a Sunday Mass.

Growing - Our final topic of the spring term gets us ready for Easter. We learn how we can grow to be more like Jesus and learn the Easter story.

Name Labelling

As you begin to replace clothing for bigger sizes can you please make sure that you label every piece before it comes into School. As you can imagine it is very difficult to return items if they are not named.

Should you have any queries or worries, please don't hesitate to chat briefly to us at the beginning or end of the day. If you have any issues that you feel require a longer meeting, please make an appointment through the school office.

Mrs Bennett and Miss Johnson

Lent Term in Foundation Stage 2 at St George's School

