

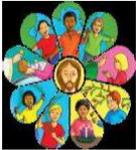


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Dear Families,

The children have made a fantastic start to their time at St John Fisher. Well done children- there are so many new things to learn and experience! Thank you, parents and carers for the support you have already given us. We're going to have a fantastic term. Below there is an outline of what is to come.

<p>RE</p> 	<p>We follow the Come and See programme and this term there will be 4 topics: Myself (our Domestic Church topic), Welcome (our baptism topic), Judaism (learning more about a World Faith) and Birthday (our Advent/Christmas topic). An RE Parent's Letter will be emailed to you with details of activities for you to do at home.</p>
<p>English</p> 	<p>Our English curriculum is book based and soon your child will bring home a copy of our Fairy Tale book. The book will be registered to your child's library ticket. Please take good care of them as a £3 charge is made for lost or damaged books. We start the term learning new Nursery Rhymes, then explore Goldilocks and the 3 Bears, The Emperor's New Clothes and A Christmas Poem. The children are practising skills in rhyming, alliteration and segmenting sounds and then will we begin learning phonemes- there will be a parent session in October to support you in Phonics. Reading daily is vital- if you could come and hear children read please get in touch. An hour a week could have such a great impact, for your child and their class mates.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>In Maths we will be exploring the numbers 0-5, 2D shapes, money, fewer and more, one more/ one less and learning how to calculate with addition and subtraction sentences. To support your child- count at every opportunity, spot shapes and numbers in the environment, look at different coins and talk about who has the most or the least.</p>
<p>Creative Curriculum</p> 	<p>Each term is split into blocks around a theme. Our themes for this term are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homes• People who help us• Celebrations <p>For each block, we explore the theme using role play, construction, creative challenges, songs and music. You will be sent a creative challenge for home. This is a task we ask you to do as a family- try at let your child come up with ideas of how to do things, but of course, if needed your guidance will help them develop ideas of their own over the year.</p>

<p>PE</p> 	<p>Please ensure children have their PE kit in school at all times. The usual day for PE is Thursday. However, this will change from time to time, particularly due to the weather.</p> <p>Please refer to the Home / School diary to ensure children have the correct kit and please remember to write in your child's name.</p> <p>No jewellery can be worn during PE lessons so please remove any earrings before your child comes to school.</p>
<p>Homework</p> 	<p>Homework is a great opportunity to support your child's learning and for you to see the progress they are making. Family life is really busy so make sure that you choose a time that is good for you and your child to ensure that you both enjoy and get the most from the time spent. Try to include the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular reading to your child and helping your child to read. • Practise counting and writing numbers. • Using the sound book to practise the phonemes (sounds) your child has been taught. • Practise writing your child's name using the name card given in June.
<p>Deepening Experiences</p>	<p>We plan lots of opportunities for your child to explore the world around them. Sometimes this will be a short walk around the locality, others will be further afield. Please let me know if you are able to offer your time to escort the children- we always need a couple of extra adults if we leave the premises.</p> <p>We have a Christmas trip planned during December- details to follow.</p> <p>Please send in wellies if you haven't already done so.</p>

Finally, thank you for welcoming us into your homes and helping us to get to know your children. We have had such a positive start. Remember that we are here for your child and any concerns or worries you have, we want to know. St John Fisher is a very special place and you are part of the family. We want to support you and your family... the door is always open.

Every good wish,

Mrs. Lisa Farmer and Mrs. Debbie Doherty