

St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Primary School

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14



Curriculum Update

Autumn 1 half term – Reception



Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter informs you about what your child will be learning at school in the Autumn term. We hope that you will be able to help your child explore and discuss these areas at home through some of the following ideas:

- researching areas at the local library and helping your child develop their library skills
- searching with them on the internet for child friendly material and relevant websites
- watching relevant television programmes that may support their work, or visiting a museum
- **and, most importantly,** talking to your child about what they have done at school! Listen to what they have learned and praise their achievements!

Topic	Our Learning
All About Me 	As we start this new and exciting school year, we are really looking forward to getting to know your child, to do this we have focused the first term on them! As a Reception team we think this is the most important thing because it helps us paint a clear picture of their likes and dislikes. This information will then be used to help us provide resources that engage each individual and encourage them to take risks in a safe environment in which your child can ask for help when they need it. Topics for this term include learning about 'Me and my Family' and 'All about Me', which includes the children talking about their likes and dislikes. As well as learning about Autumn and the clues we can look for to help us know which season we are in. We have chosen these themes plus many more so each child can learn about themselves and what makes them marvellous! We will be looking at different stories from the Bible in class and through our collective worships. These include stories such as the Creation story in which we will look at the different things that God created and on which day He created them. We will be using art and crafts to create images showing what happened on which day. Through some of our themes we will be asking for some information from you. This might include family photos, or photos of when your child was a baby, we find this really helps the children talk to others because they have a visual prompt. Through maths we will be taking an in depth look at numbers up to and beyond 5. We will be comparing amounts and using vocabulary such as more, less, most, least and the same. We will look at what happens when

you combine two groups and if the answer becomes bigger or smaller. We are going to be ordering and comparing different objects in terms of height, weight and length and will develop our subject specific vocabulary which we can use through play in areas such as the water area and mud kitchen.

In phonics we will be expanding our sound knowledge by learning a range of single sounds and some digraphs that will support them in their reading. We will encourage the children to attempt making marks on paper and chalk boards and to have a go at forming letters that are recognisable. We will challenge children to hear a range of sounds in a word such as the initial sound in a CVC word.

Through this half term there will be opportunities for you to come to your child's class to see a phonic session as well as sessions in which you can read with your child at the end of the day. On the evening of 30th September 2026 we will be hosting an online information evening in which we discuss the day to day running of your child's class and talk through the curriculum. We hope you will be able to attend!

Thank you for your continued support.

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