

St John's Walham Green C of E Primary School

Information for Parents – How to help your child

**Year Group:** Nursery

**Term:** Summer

**Class Teacher:** Miss England

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**REGULAR TASKS**

Personal, social and emotional development: This term, we will be developing our friendships and self-confidence. We will be focusing on taking steps to resolve conflicts and initiating good conversations with our friends. This involves sharing interests and taking into account what our friends say. We will be recognising the importance of self-confidence around the class room, speaking in front of and to our peers, as well as sharing information with our adults. We will be developing our confidence to initiate a range of activities in the classroom, as we prepare to transition to Reception.

Physical Development: In addition to our weekly PE lesson, Nursery will be having a daily session outdoors where we will focus on developing our gross motor skills. This will involve lots of climbing, balancing, carrying, throwing and catching. In our PE lessons, we will be practising our jumping skills and our ability to negotiate space.

We will also be working on our fine motor skills to help build up our strength for writing. We will be using this to form recognisable letters and drawings with meaning. We will be developing our ability to hold a pencil correctly and other tools, such as scissors and glue.

Communication and Language: We will be focusing on our listening skills, through books without pictures or prompts and our understanding of spoken language. We will be extending our vocabulary to make clear meaning to others, using talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events. We will develop our ability to retell stories, add narrative to our play and take into account what others say and do. Children will start to talk about themselves in positive terms, discussing their strengths and aspects of their personal lives.

Literacy: We will be listening to and reading a variety of stories and poems, recognising rhyming strings and developing our story telling skills. Children will develop their vocabulary through exposure of a variety of books and use this to make meaningful marks. We will begin to start our Phonics scheme, Read Write Inc, and become familiar with linking sounds to letters, using this to hear the initial sound in words to write simple words/ sentences in meaningful contexts.

Transition: We will be preparing children for their move to reception through a range of transition activities and circle times. More information will be shared with parents in the summer term.

Library: Children will have the opportunity to visit the library every few weeks. We will also be holding a library session in class on Friday mornings, where children will be able to choose one book to take home each week. Please do take the time to read to and with your child, giving them plenty of opportunity to talk about the story. The stories can be repeated, hearing the patterns in a story will support your child's language development. Through asking questions you will develop their comprehensive skills. This book should be brought back to school on the following Friday.

Maths: We will be focusing on 3D shapes and numbers to twenty. Children will have lots of opportunity to explore shape and number through the learning environment, as well as height, weight and length. We will be developing our understanding of numerals and quantities, whilst recognising one more and one less of a given number. We will practice solving number problems. We will focus on mathematical language, encouraging children to reason their decisions. Children will develop their ability to write and recognise numerals to twenty.

Understanding of the World: We will be exploring the world through recognising and understanding growth, decay and changes over time. Children will develop their ability to talk about the familiar world such as plants, animals, nature and found objects. We will be focusing on our senses to extend our vocabulary on how things work and why things happen.

Religious Education: We will be encouraging children to recognise and discuss their family custom, routines and special events. We will continue to use our lunch time and end of the day prayer, as well as the Lord's Prayer during Collective Worship that occurs weekly.

Expressive Arts and Design: We will be exploring a range of media, including paint, collage and printing and practising our ability to use a range of tools. We will be doing lots of imaginative play in our home corner and developing our ability to add a narrative with our friends. The children will have a weekly music session with our music teacher, Mrs. Ostler. Nursery will be singing, using percussion instruments and playing music games using Kodaly-based 'Jolly Music', gradually building up their awareness of beat, rhythm and pitch.

You are always welcome to come and see us with any questions or if you would like further advice or ideas for how you could help your child at home. Thank you in advance for your support.

Class Teachers: Miss England

Head teacher: Ms Wightwick