


<p>Physical Development – In the outside area, we will be further developing our skills and confidence in using a range equipment. In our play, we will continue to learn to move confidently, safely and imaginatively. In our P.E sessions, we will be learning a range of multi-skills, which includes balancing and hand and eye coordination activities. We will continue to develop scissor skills in our creative activities and to work on pencil control and grip.</p>	<p>Even though the weather at this time of year can be wet and cold we will still be learning outside. Please make sure your child has a warm and waterproof coat and suitable shoes or boots.</p> <p>On PE days the children need to come to school already dressed in their PE kit.</p> <p>Our PE day is Friday.</p> <p>Please ensure that your child also brings in a named bottle filled with water each day.</p> <p>Thank you for all the great work you're doing with your children at home to support them in their phonics and letter formation. It's really helpful if your child can bring their new book bag every day.</p>	<p>Social and Emotional Development – This half-term we will continue to think about our class and school rules, the 5'B's, and explore what they mean for us. We will also introduce the House Teams and children will be told which House they are in for their time at St. Johns. This is a way to reward children for hard work and good behavior through our house point system. We will remind the children of our expectations of behaviour, such as listening carefully, taking turns and being a good friend. We will continue our Jigsaw activities around 'Celebrating Difference'.</p>
<p>Understanding of the World – We will continue to develop our understanding of the world we live in and spend time thinking about The Christmas Story. This autumn we will learn about Bonfire night and also celebrate the Hindu and Sikh festival of Diwali. We will talk about Remembrance Sunday. We will learn about how Christmas is celebrated in different parts of the world. The children will also learn how to complete a simple programme on the computer and use the Ipad for taking photos.</p>	<p>Reception Newsletter Autumn 2, 2021</p>	<p>Communication and Language/Literacy - This term we will finish learning our Set 1 Speed Sounds and focus our phonics sessions on learning the skills of blending and segmenting with these sounds. Once the children are confident with these skills they will be introduced to the Red Ditty books in the Read Write Inc. scheme and versions of these will also be sent home so that you can practice reading them together. We will introduce Tricky words to bring home and learn. We will continue to share lots of stories at school and talk about the characters, settings and story line. We will continue to practice our letter formation and start to use our developing phonic knowledge to write simple words. We will learn how to write letters, cards, lists and simple stories.</p>
<p>Expressive Arts and Design – For creative development as artists we will create firework pictures and celebrate Diwali by making clay Diya lamps, creating Rangoli patterns and designing Mehndi hand patterns. We will also be making Christmas cards, calendars and decorations. This term we are exploring music through Charanga and singing songs outside at play times. In our focus on Superheroes we will be designing and making role play props such as masks and capes.</p>		<p>Mathematical Development – This half term we are learning all about the numbers 1,2 and 3. We will be learning how to represent them, compare them, one more and one less and their composition. We will be learning about the properties of circles, triangles and 4-sided shapes as well as practicing using our positional language and talking about time.</p>