

# Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



## EYFS

### Autumn 2021 Newsletter



#### Welcome to the EYFS!

For those who are new welcome to St Andrews and for those who are returning from the Summer holidays, welcome back!

We are very excited to start the new school year and learn about the world around us!

#### New Curriculum

In the Early Years Foundation Stage there are 3 prime areas:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- Self Regulation, Managing Self, Building Relationships

Communication and Language- Listening, attention & Understanding, Speaking

Physical Development- Gross Motor skills & Fine Motor Skills.



In the Early Years Foundation Stage there are 4 specific areas:

Literacy- Comprehension, Word Reading & Writing

Mathematical Development - Number & Numerical Pattern

Understanding the World- Past & Present, People, Culture & Communities, The Natural World

Expressive Arts and Design- Creating with Materials & Being Imaginative and Expressive.

#### Autumn term

This half term we will be learning about Colour. The children will learn about colour mixing and some of the different shades of colours we have in our world. We like to be cross-curricular in Early Years and will be linking our topic of choice to the children's interests. Each week will have a different theme and will be linked to a storybook. In the first couple of weeks of this term, the Children have been listening to the story 'The Colour Monster' that helps them link colours to feelings and how those feelings may feel.



In the second half term, we will be learning about different celebrations from all over the world. We will be learning about Remembrance Day, Bonfire Night, Diwali, Hanukkah, Christmas for Christians around the world, Chinese New Year and a few more. The children will be exploring many different activities that will help them to develop their knowledge and skills.



#### Phonics/ Reading

Within the next few weeks **Reception** children will be starting their phonics and learning Phase 2 sounds. It will be very beneficial to practise the flashcards with your children at home. They will be sent home as we start to learn the new sounds. Closer to half term Reception will be sent home with a reading book and reading planner. Please ensure you read with your child every night, it only has to be a couple of pages and it will help them to progress further with their reading. Reading books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday.



#### Shared reading books

**Nursery** will start by bringing home a storybook to share with their family. You can read the book together and talk about what has happened in the story, who is in it and where the story is set. Their Shared Reading book will be changed on a Friday. **Nursery** will also be starting phonics and looking at Phase 1.

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## RE

In the first half term the children will learn about why the word 'God' is important to Christians. We will also be looking at other religions and why the word 'God' is important to them. The second half term will focus on why certain places are valued and why in different religions. We will be comparing different places of worships from two different religions.

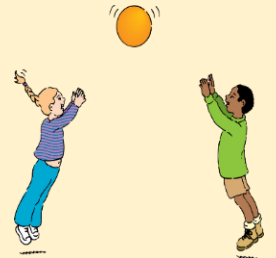
## P.E and Games

P.E lessons will take place on a **Monday** for both Nursery and Reception.

Reception will need to come into school already dressed in their PE kit.

The children will be working on their spatial awareness skills in the first half term and in the second half term they will be working on their ball skills using their hands.

We kindly remind you to make sure that your child is wearing a **sensible** pair of shoes for PE, preferably Velcro as it makes it easier for your child to take their shoes off and on.



## Relationships and Health Education

(Personal, Social and Emotional development)- To the children this is known as Jigsaw.

In the first half term, the children will be learning about 'Being Me in my World'.

The children will be learning about a sense of belonging, being part of a school community and the wider community and rights and responsibilities.

In the second half term the children will be learning about 'Celebrating Difference.' The children will be learning about diversity and how it is ok to be different.



## School Checklist

**An Autumn term reminder-** Please remember that your child needs to bring the following items to school:

- Book bag to hold reading planners, phonics packs, sharing packs and any letters that are handed out.
- A named hooded coat, hat and gloves as the weather gets colder.
- Named water bottle



## Further information

Within the next few weeks the children will be bringing their first '**next step**' home. This will be sent via **Evidence Me** on a Friday so please look out for the '**next step**' to work on at home which will help your children with their learning and progress. It is essential to us this year to have a strong working relationship with parents in order to help children progress in their learning so we ask that you send any learning or 'WOW' moments to us through Evidence Me. We will be checking Evidence Me weekly and replying to the children as well as sharing their achievements in class. It does not take too long to take a photo to upload and we would ask that you use this to send evidence of your children achieving their next steps at home.

We are really looking forward to a fabulous term, with lots of new learning and experiences for the children, celebrating **life in all its fullness**.

The EYFS team.

