

Reception Class Curriculum Map 2018/2019

	Topic Overview
Autumn 1	<p style="text-align: center;">What Makes Me Special...</p> <p>During this term children will be developing 'Personal, Social and Emotional skills'. Children will be invited to bring to school their own 'Special Box'. This will help children to talk about themselves as they begin to understand that we are all unique yet all special in the eyes of God. Reception children will develop independent skills such as dressing and undressing for PE and completing specific challenges during continuous provision. In addition, there will be a big focus on communication and language, as children are encouraged to speak clearly and coherently in full sentences.</p> <p>All children will listen to and retell traditional tales such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears.</p>
Autumn 2	<p style="text-align: center;">Reception Bake Off & Christmas</p> <p>During this term reception children begin to master simple culinary skills. All children will enjoy lots of opportunities to follow instructions to prepare food. This helps the children to develop their listening and early reading skills whilst learning to identify healthy and unhealthy foods. Christmas is an exciting time of year at St James'. Reception class learn all about Advent through the nativity story and every child will take part in a nativity performance. All children also attend church as they begins to understand why Christmas is a special time for Christians.</p>
Spring 1	<p style="text-align: center;">Let's be Explorers</p> <p>During this topic reception class will explore earth and beyond! The children will learn about different places such as the jungle, the arctic and outer space! Every child will enjoy lots of practical activities to help widen their knowledge of our world.</p> <p>All children will be invited to share their own personal experiences of a place they have explored too!</p> <p>Reception children will listen and respond to stories linked to different places such as, 'How to catch a star,' Rumble in the Jungle' and 'Whatever Next'.</p> <p>Storytelling is given a very high priority and during this unit the children will enjoy listening to stories Jesus heard, such as 'Daniel and the Lion's Den' and 'Jonah and the Whale.'</p>
Spring 2	<p style="text-align: center;">Once upon a time...</p> <p>This topic encourages all children to enter a world of make believe! Children will be enthralled as they hear tales of giants, witches, wizards, knights and princesses! Reception children will use their knowledge of these stories to begin to write their own stories!</p> <p>Spring is also an excellent time for growing plants and vegetables. Every child will be very excited to see their very own beanstalk reach dizzying heights!</p> <p>Easter is a time we think about Jesus' sacrifice and celebrating new life. All children will build on this learning as they explore life cycles and watch</p>

	chicks hatch in the classroom!
Summer 1 & Summer 2	<p>All creatures great and small.</p> <p>We share our world with amazing animals! During this topic each child will learn interesting facts about all of God's creatures. Every child will have the opportunity to find out about animals found on the farm, wild animals, mini beasts and sea creatures. The children will then step back in time and as they learn about dinosaurs!</p> <p>Every child will have time to think about how people can ensure they care for all the creatures in God's world. All children will begin to understand how recycling plastic can help reduce plastic waste in the ocean and how recycling paper can reduce the number of trees chopped down in the forest. Caring for animal habitats will help God's creatures flourish! All children will enjoy reading stories such as, 'The Snail and the Whale' 'Monkey Puzzle' 'What the Ladybird Heard' and 'Dinosaur Rumpus.'</p>

The curriculum map is designed to give all children the opportunity to thrive as they make big steps in their learning. The children's interests are fundamental to the EYFS curriculum design so, the EYFS team have ensured there is a balance between teacher led and child led learning. This ensures that all children engage in learning opportunities specifically planned for their needs alongside freedom for the children to pursue their own interests as they make their way along their learning journey.

Characteristics of Effective Learning are fundamental to developing a love for learning. The children are taught to recognise that engagement, motivation and thinking are all crucial to learning. Throughout each term all children will be given opportunities to develop their skills in the EYFS prime and specific areas. These are detailed below.

Characteristics of Effective Learning	Area of Learning and Development	Aspect
<p>Playing and exploring – engagement</p> <p>Finding out and exploring Playing with what they know Being willing to 'have a go'</p>	Prime Areas	
	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Making relationships Self-confidence and self-awareness Managing feelings and behaviour
	Physical Development	Moving and handling Health and self-care
<p>Active learning – motivation</p> <p>Being involved and concentrating Keeping trying Enjoying achieving what they set out to do</p>	Communication and Language	Listening and attention Understanding Speaking
	Specific areas	
	Literacy	Reading Writing
<p>Creating and thinking critically – thinking</p> <p>Having their own ideas Making links Choosing ways to do things</p>	Mathematics	Numbers Shape, space and measure
	Understanding the World	People and communities The world Technology
	Expressive Arts and Design	Exploring and using media and materials Being imaginative