



St Lawrence's
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reception News

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a lovely Christmas. It has been lovely to welcome back our reception children and listening to all they have done over the past two weeks.

Our topic this half term is:



Our topic this half term focuses on reading traditional tales, learning new words, role play and imagination! – As always we will be closely monitoring the interests of our children and our topics may change!

This half term:

What we will be learning...



We will be learning how to re-tell and make up stories. We will be reading many traditional tales and providing props for children to dress up and re-tell stories in their own way.

In SEAL the children will learning to talk about what they are good at and set goals on what they would like to achieve this half term.



This half term we will be answering the question 'Why is the word God so important to Christians?' We will also be finding out about the Chinese New year and carrying out many activities linked to that.



Music



We will be learning how to perform actions and play instruments to a steady beat; work as part of a group or class, taking turns and sharing fairly, understanding the needs of working harmoniously.



In English we will be reading many traditional tales. The children will be learning to retell these stories through role play and in our talk for writing sessions. The children will be learning lots of new words and joining in with repeated refrains.



We will be looking at and re-creating patterns, counting forwards and backwards and beginning to solve mathematical problems. The children will then move on to ordering items by size and weight.



The Reception children have done so well to learn 13 new phase 3 sounds and actions taught in the last half term. We will now continue to learn the rest of the phase 3 sounds and re-visit all phase 3 sounds again to consolidate. Children will learn that three letters make one sound (known as a trigraph). The table below tells you which sounds the children will be learning next.

Week 1 31.12.18 (2 days)	Week 2 07.01.19	Week 3 14.01.19	Week 4 21.01.19	Week 5 28.01.19	Week 6 04.02.19	Week 7 11.02.19	Week 8 18.02.19
Refresh sounds Reading and writing longer P2/p3 captions	Ow, oi, ear, air	Ure, er, Revisit - air, ear	Ch sh th ng	Ai, ee, igh, oa	Oo/oo ar or ur	Ow, oi, ear, air	Ure, er

How you can help?

You can help by sharing stories. We expect every child to read at least three times per week at home with their grown up. Our focus is teaching children new words; any new words you come across when reading stories together then please explain their meaning and help your child to use the new word in context later that day or week.

Trips, events and dates to remember:



- Teddy Bear's Hospital Visit 16.01.19
- Chinese New Year activities – 4.02.19

Please also remember:

- This half term PE is only on Tuesday morning with Miss Hammond. Children will need their PE kits in school in order to take part and remove any earrings before coming to school.



HOMEWORK

HAPPY THURSDAY

We will be sending homework out on Friday 4th January 2019. Homework needs to be handed in on a **Wednesday**. Please can you help your child to read their word list cards. By doing this you will be helping them to recognise and read common words in books.

Share Thursday will start in Reception on Thursday 10th January 2019 and will continue every Thursday there after. This is a chance for you to come into class with your child and share a book from 8.40-8.50.



Just a reminder that the next show and tell is on a **Friday**. This is where your child can bring a small item (that will fit in their school tray) from home to 'show' to the rest of the class. They can also choose to talk about something they have experienced.



Thank you to all those who are regularly looking at the progress of your children on Tapestry. Don't forget to share the learning and experiences that are happening at home by uploading your photographs onto Tapestry. If you look at an observation on Tapestry, remember you can comment or 'like' what you have seen. We will be doing that to the posts that you share.

Parent consultations will be carried out across this term (the next fourteen weeks). Please look out for your letter which explains when they will be taking place.



We are looking for volunteers to hear our reception children read. If you think you can help then please pop in to see us!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, then please come and chat with me, or call the school if you'd prefer.

Miss Hammond