



FS1 -Class SL - Spring Term

Topics for this term:

- * People In Our Community
- * Chinese New Year

Welcome back to St James' CE Academy!

Firstly we would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and we hope you have enjoyed the Christmas period!

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform you of the topics we will be covering this term in class SL and other information that you may require.

We would like to remind all parents that our doors are open at **8.45am** and you are welcome to stay and play with your child until 9am. However your child must be in school before **8.55am** as this is the end of registration.

Morning sessions end at **11.45am** and gates will be open to collect your children at this time. Afternoon sessions start at **12.15pm**, please ensure your child arrives before 12.25pm to be registered.

For health and safety reasons, it is essential that you do not park on the school drive when dropping off or picking up your child.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to develop sharing skills and independence with dressing and hygiene. We will also be encouraging children to talk about their feelings and be sensitive to the needs and feelings of others.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will learn about different types of music and dance, including Chinese.

Also, children will explore different role-play activities such as a doctor's surgery or a fire station.

Communication, Language & Literacy

During the first half term in Literacy the children will explore fiction and non-fiction texts about people in our community and will learn about different families and cultures.

Daily phonics sessions will concentrate on tuning in to sounds (environmental, body and instruments); involving lots of listening walks, identifying sounds and listening games.

Children will continue borrowing books from 'Lend a book Library'. It is very important books are returned every **Wednesday** in their original condition

Understanding the World

We will be looking at the outdoor environment and the seasonal changes taking place, ready for spring.

Children will start to look at animals and their offspring, where they live, what they are called and how they grow.

Physical Development

In physical development sessions children refine movements of all different parts of their bodies, including hands and fingers, which also impacts on their writing.

For children who are starting to mark make, pencil grip and fine motor strength is encouraged through writing activities and daily dough disco.

If you have any questions, please see Miss Lawton or Miss Brown.

Mathematics

We will be exploring number recognition daily, along with counting skills and comparing different amounts of objects.

We will be exploring amounts and the language related to them such as 'bigger' and 'smaller', using counting skills and number knowledge to recognise quantities.

Our children will be number hunting and practising writing and recording numbers so any opportunities to promote this at home would be fantastic!

Lunchtime payments

reminder

If your child attends a beginning of the week session or end of week session you are required to pay lunch time cover of £2 per day (£4 in total). This amount needs to be paid on the **first** day your child attends each week, either a **Monday morning** or **Wednesday afternoon**.

Unfortunately if you fail to pay, your child **will not** be able to stay at the nursery across lunchtime. If you have any queries regarding this please see Mrs Daniels.