



FS1 -Class SL - Spring 2

Welcome back to St James' CE Academy!

Firstly we hope you had a lovely break. We would also like to take this opportunity to inform you of the learning that will be taking place this half term in class SL and other information that you may require.

- Topics for this term:**
- Fairy-tales
 - Easter

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 enable you 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. A feelings tree is going to be introduced in the classroom for children to express their feelings and thoughts.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will be creating their own musical instruments and exploring sounds. They will be encouraged to add their own narratives to role-play activities set around the theme of fairy-tales.

Communication, Language & Literacy

During this half term in Literacy the children will explore fairy-tales including 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'The Gingerbread Man'.

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 to be swapped for a new book to take home for the following week.

To develop writing, children will have a dedicated writing time each week to record their writing and mark making in writing books.

Understanding the World

To develop our understanding of changing seasons, we will be looking at the outdoor environment and the seasonal changes taking place now that spring is here. Children will also be participating in baking their very own gingerbread men and looking at how the different ingredients transform when heated.

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.

Tapestry

A huge thank you to parents accessing and adding comments and observations to Tapestry. They are wonderful to see and provide fantastic learning evidence. Any parents who have not yet accessed Tapestry please can you see Miss Lawton to either set up access or send a new password link to your email address.

Mathematics

For the first 2 weeks of this half term we will be concentrating on 2D shapes—squares, rectangles, circles and triangle. Activities will include shape hunts, exploring and finding shapes in the environment and making their very own shapes from a range of resources.

The remaining weeks will again focus on number: 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.