

# St Georges Reception Classes Easter Term Overview 2021

## Topics– Winter & In the Garden

### Personal, Social and Emotional Dev.

The children will be learning different strategies to resolve conflicts with others in play.  
The children will be developing confidence to describe themselves in positive terms and talk about their abilities.  
The children will develop their understanding of the needs and feelings of others.

### Literacy

We will be using a variety of big books and stories about animals and growth which will be used as prompts and inspiration for writing.  
Children working on phase three in phonics and will be continuing to develop their skills for both reading and writing.

### Communication and Language

Learning will be based around children's experiences and knowledge of animals and the familiar world around them.

Exploring and using language will be embedded in all areas of learning, encouraging children to explore new words and sounds.

Using different contexts we will be developing the children's ability to use past, present and future forms accurately when talking.

### Expressive Arts & Design

The children will be developing their construction skills through the manipulation of different materials and the use of simple tools and techniques.

Role-play opportunities will endeavour to enhance children's narrative and acting skills to develop their own story lines in play.

### Understanding the World

The children will be exploring the natural world and looking closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change. The children will be developing their own curiosities about life under the sea.

We will be growing a variety of vegetables for our vegetable patch where the children will have hands on experiences at being responsible for planting and looking after their cultivations. The children will have the opportunity to experience simple cooking– perhaps even with the vegetables they have grown!

They will be accessing ICT activities and learning how to use technological toys.

### Physical Development

The children will continue to experience a range of activities which will develop their fine and gross motor skills.

Children will begin to have an understanding of the importance of regular exercise and healthy eating.

They will be learning about the importance of safety when using tools and equipment.

### Religious Education

The children will be learning about the importance of God in their lives through a range of stories including those from the bible.

We will be encouraging the children to reflect on how we know God is in our world on a daily basis through discussion and encouraging children to make good choices.

### Mathematics

The children will be developing their understanding of addition and subtraction through practical activities and discussion. They will be introduced to simple coins in their role-play and begin to explore weight and capacity. They will be learning numbers 10-20.

# Ideas for helping your child at home this term.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Dev.

- Encouraging your children to talk about their feelings and those of others.
- Praise your child for 'good sharing' and 'kind Words' with their siblings and friends outside of school.

## Religious Education

- Read a simple children's bible and share stories that demonstrate God's love for one another.
- Encourage your child to reflect on the importance of God in their lives.

## Literacy

- Encourage your child to read signs, cards, labels, notices in the world around them.
- When reading bed time stories encourage your child to notice keywords in the text. Ask your child simple questions after about the events and characters in the story.
- Encourage your child to use their phonic knowledge to write at home e.g. writing you a shopping list, birthday card etc.

## Communication and Language

- Try and correct your children when using the incorrect tense when talking.
- Model using different types of language e.g. descriptive language, positional language.
- Encourage children to talk about their different experiences at school and at home.

## Understanding the World

- Encourage your child to talk about animals under the sea/in the garden– what do they know about them? How do their habitats vary?
- Have a go at planting at home.
- Take your child to a zoo, aquarium or farm!
- Do some simple baking at home.

## Mathematics

- Try and use addition and subtraction language with your child at home. E.g. How many forks and knives are there altogether on the table?
- Look at coins with your child and encourage them to spend their own pocket money at the shops!
- Explore the weight of different household items with your child. Buy some different sized containers for the bath!
- Recognising numbers 10-20 in the environment

## Physical Development

- Practise catching and kicking ball games outside.
- Encourage your child to have an extra-curricular activity e.g. swimming, gymnastics.
- Encourage your child to make healthy food choices and to discuss the impact it has on their health.

## Expressive Arts & Design

- Try and role-play with your child at home.
- Encourage your child to watch the language of different roles that they see around them e.g. shop keepers, bus drivers, waiters/waitresses.
- Let your child be creative with the items left in your recycling box!