



Termly Curriculum Overview Letter

We are a 'light in the darkness', living life to the full, worshipping and working so that everyone may flourish and achieve their God-given potential



St John's Meads CE Primary School
Rowsley Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN20 7XS

Teacher	Mrs Pillar and Mrs Hitch Mrs Grout and Mrs Neill	Class	Reception
TAs			
Term	1		

Welcome to Term 1. This term is all about getting to know your wonderful children and helping them to settle into life at St John's. We will be learning the new rules and routines of the classroom and making new friendships. We will be learning about different emotions which will help us to be able to describe how we are feeling and manage our emotions.

Later in the term we will be learning about the celebration of Harvest Festival and exploring the changes of the seasons as we move into Autumn. We will spend lots of time playing and having fun!

Main Areas of Learning to be covered

- Personal, social and emotional development: We will be exploring and naming different emotions using the 'Zones of Regulation' programme. We will also use the text 'The Colour Monster' to support this.
- Communication and Language: We will be developing our communication and language skills through play partners and encouraging the children to listen carefully to each other and be confident to explain their ideas. We will be introducing lots of new vocabulary and encouraging the children to use it in their play.
- Understanding of the world: We will look closely at the changes of season. During our outdoor learning on the field, we will explore nature.
- Physical Development and PE: We will be developing the children's gross motor skills in the outdoor learning area, fun sessions such as 'Squiggle while you Wiggle', 'Dough Disco' and lots of sensory play. We will be enjoying the ride on toys too. **PE sessions will be on a Wednesday and a Friday.** In PE we will be learning about using our bodies in different ways and negotiating space safely when moving around.
- Expressive art and design: We will be expressing out ideas through singing, role play, music and different art forms. We will enjoy painting, printing, junk modelling, playdough and a variety of different materials, tools and techniques.
- RE: We will be learning about why God is important to Christians. We will also be celebrating Harvest.
- Literacy: We will enjoy retelling the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and beginning to tell our own stories.
- Phonics: We will begin by learning the single sounds: s a t p i n m d g o c k e u r b h f l. We will use these sounds to begin to read and write simple words.
- Maths: We will be matching, sorting and comparing and talking about measure and patters and exploring this in our play.

Love 

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Generosity 

Honesty 

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Homework

Please enjoy reading lots of books with your child every day. Children will begin to bring a book for them to read to you after half term.

Christian Value

Each term we will focus on a different school value. This term, our whole school value is **Love**. Throughout the term, we will explore this value in our classrooms and during whole school collective worship, encouraging children to show love through their words, actions, and attitudes towards their learning, their lives, and others around them. We will talk about how love can be expressed in simple, everyday ways, such as kindness, patience, and respect. To celebrate and encourage this, each Friday we will present **Value Awards** to children who have been shining examples of love in action. We hope this focus will inspire our pupils to create a caring and supportive school community where everyone feels valued. Please see our term 1 values flyer for more information.

