



# St. Jude's Church of England Primary School

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Dear parents and carers of Reception,

Welcome back to our last term in Reception! We hope you had a restful break over the half term. We have had a really wonderful first week back: talking all about our local area, creating some amazing junk modelling, and learning a new Spanish song! For our last half term in Reception our topic is 'Our Wonderful World'. We will be learning about our local area and what we love about it, as well as thinking about different types of weather and linking this to seasons. Finally we will be exploring the natural world, looking at plants and making our own observations. For more information about our new topic, please see the topic web on the school's website.

As before, PE will continue to be on **Fridays**. Children should continue to come in to school wearing their PE kit with their school uniform in their bag. Please ensure ALL items of clothing are clearly named, as the warm weather can mean that we're more likely to lose something.

The children will continue to receive their home learning activities on Thursdays via Google Classroom. Please continue to upload pictures and videos to Tapestry. We love seeing the children sharing their learning with you! There will be a Maths and English/Phonics task based on the learning the children have been doing that week. Please also feel free to add any other activities your child is proud of and would like to share. We love to see what the children are enjoying at home too!

As part of their homework, we ask that you read with your child **every** day. Each child is bringing home two reading books, matched with the learning from their phonics lessons (new sounds/tricky words). These books are supplied to ensure that your child can practise sounding out and blending familiar sounds into words, captions and sentences. We are encouraging children to move towards blending words in their head before saying the word aloud. These phonics books can, and should, be read more than once during the week, allowing your child to build up fluency in their reading. Both books will be changed on their timetabled day, and their reading record will be checked so please ensure these are coming in on your scheduled day. Please use their reading record to communicate your child's reading, and anything you have noticed whilst reading together.

It is really important that we make the most of every minute of learning time at St Jude's. To support us in this please make sure your child arrives on time, ready to line up at 8.50 and go into class at 8.55am. Please support the children in their transition by stepping away from the line once they are lined up. The school day ends at 3:30pm and we will dismiss the children once we have seen a familiar adult. If there are any changes to your pick-up arrangement, please inform us in writing as soon as possible.

Thank you for a wonderful year of working together. We look forward to our final term in Reception.

Kind Regards,

Miss Valuks and the Reception team



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