



Our School Rules

At St John's we have 3 school rules. These are simple to remember but encompass many things:

1. **Be safe**
2. **Be kind**
3. **Be ready to learn**

We encourage children to follow these rules by talking about how they keep us safe and help us learn. We will use 2 of our woodland friends this term to help us:

Our Woodland Friends

The Thinking Fox'	The Determined Squirrel
He thinks of ideas. He finds ways of solving problems and thinks of different ways to do things. He makes links in his learning and can talk about his ideas	She concentrates and keeps trying if things get difficult. She enjoys challenges and is very proud when she accomplishes something.
	

In this half term we will be continuing to embed and practice the routines, rules and expectations we have already learnt last term and will be showing our new friends how to put them into place. We will be choosing activities independently and carefully and will practice tidying up when we have finished using an activity so it is ready for someone else to use. We will continue to independently choose books to take home each week to read and share with our grown-ups along with a book to record any comments or mark making about the books that we have read. We will be thinking about ourselves and our families and friends and what we celebrate with them. We will be sharing photographs with our peers and talking about who the special people with us are. We will be recognizing our own different feelings and learning to regulate how we feel. We will continue to work on becoming more independent in using the toilet and washing hands at the correct times. We will be interacting confidently with familiar adults and peers and to play with more than one child, extending and exploring different play ideas and conversations. It is National Storytelling Week on the week beginning the 29th January and we would love to invite parents into read a story with the

Concept Cat: will be checking we know the concepts we have already learnt and teaching us about these new concepts:

- Front
- Back
- Over
- Around
- Next to
- Some

Communication and Language

This half term will enjoy listening to longer stories and understand what is happening, with the help of pictures. We will begin to understand simple questions about 'who, 'what' and 'where'. We will listen and respond to simple instructions and listen to others without being distracted. We will practice engaging in conversations with others.

Stories we will be focusing on:



Maths:

Week 1 Representing 1 Week 2 Representing 2
 Week 3 Representing 3 Week 4 Sorting 1,2,3
 Week 5 Matching 1,2,3 Week 6 It's me Comparing
 Week 7 It's me Matching Describe a familiar route
 Understand positional language

How you can help at home:

- **Read every day with your child for at least 10 minutes. We will be sending home books with the children each week for you to read and share with them.**
- **Please send in a photo of your child with their family doing something they enjoy doing or celebrate together. You can add one to Tapestry or send one in. We will use these in our learning.**

How you can help at home:
Encourage your child to try new things – new activities, new foods, and new skills they are learning.
Ask your child about who was kind to them and who they have been kind to.