

We plan to use our outside classroom everyday. The children are very active, so please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school and a coat for when it gets chillier.

Home School Communication

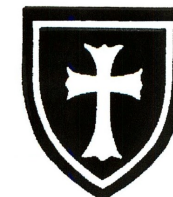
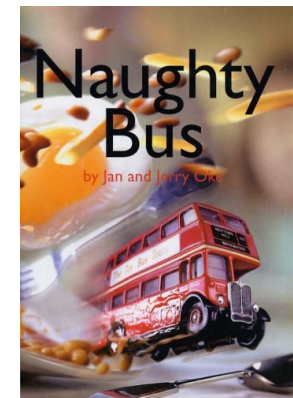
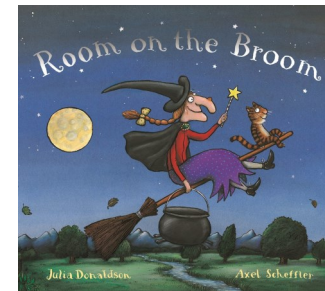
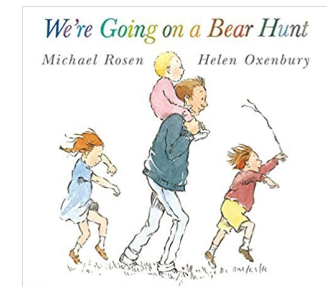
We actively encourage communication between home and school.

We use Tapestry to communicate messages and to celebrate your child's learning and development. Please check your Tapestry account regularly to comment and add to our observations!

If you have any more urgent concerns or worries please do not hesitate to contact us in person.

Reception

Autumn Term



All Saints CE School,
Bishop's Stortford

Welcome to All Saints Reception Class.

This half term our main aim is to settle children into school so they feel safe, happy and understand the rules and routines. It is also to establish good home/school links where parents are partners and where children can blossom from a strong home/school partnership. We will be undertaking assessments during the first weeks of school and use these to plan the learning. It is in the children's best interest to make the planning flexible so that we can plan more from our observations of the children and pursue and extend their interests.

Communication and Language

We will be using our favourite stories to encourage the children to maintain attention, concentration and to sit quietly. They will be able to use speech to connect ideas, explain what is happening and anticipate what will happen next both in stories and with recalling their own experiences.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be spending a lot of time encouraging the children to be confident in the classroom and happy to speak to others about their own needs, wants, interests and opinions. We will model conversation using Learning Partners to teach listening skills.

We will introduce our All Saints Early Years Learning Powers - Explorasaurus, Thinkasaurus and Tryasaurus - and use these to help make the children effective independent learners.

Physical Development

We will be beginning to look at ways that we can maintain good health including hygiene, eating, exercise and sleeping.

We will be looking at our fine motor control using pencils, crayons, paints and scissors. In our PE sessions we will be concentrating on using space effectively and exploring jumping in a variety of ways.

Literacy

We will follow the Letters and Sounds program to play exciting games, to recognise letters and the sounds they make and also begin to sound talk simple words to read them e.g. c/a/t cat. Alongside this we will focus upon forming letters correctly and will work towards writing our names independently with all letters formed accurately. We will begin to look at reading books for you to share with your child.

Mathematics

We will concentrate on number, counting carefully and recognising and writing numerals accurately, initially up to 5 and then to 10. We will match, sort and group objects. We will also explore patterns and shapes.

Understanding of the World

We will be using our IT equipment to encourage familiarity and confidence with technology. Similarities and differences between the Summer and Autumn will be explored as the seasons change.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will encourage the children to take ownership of their creative development by teaching them to access creative materials independently. We will be building up a bank of favourite songs and rhymes.