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## Reception Autumn Term 2 - Share in Our Learning

Welcome to Reception. This term we will be learning lots of new and exciting things!

### RE

This half term we will be spending some time looking at Judaism and begin to think about the differences between religions.



Then we will focus on Advent. I am sure you will agree it is the most exciting and magical time of year at St. Ambrose. As the children are already familiar with the Nativity story we will move our learning on to make sure we are able to sequence and retell the story with confidence. We will be asking you to make your own Nativity scene with your children at home, which we will be able to use in school to help the children retell the story with confidence. We will then introduce the advent wreath and talk about the significance of the circle and how this represents God's infinite love for us. We will then talk about the different tree decorations we have and we will make our own.

### Literacy - Superheroes and Villains

This half term we will be learning about superheroes. We start with reading 'Even Superheroes Have Bad Days' by Shelley Becker. We will discuss what a superhero is and the children will have the opportunity to make their own. The children will be encouraged to write simple sentences and develop their descriptive vocabulary when reading the story. The book has a lovely story line about making the right choices and helping others. We will discuss how we can be kind and talk about the story in detail. We will also be looking at our everyday superheroes, especially in these challenging times, and talk about how they help and keep us safe. In the book we will explore different weathers and geographical areas in the World. For example, the superheroes go to a jungle and we will explore and learn about the jungle. Later on in this half term we will read, 'Supertato: The Evil Pea Rules' by Paul Linnet and Sue Hendra. We will explore the concept of 'villains' in this book and there will be lots of writing opportunities. For each book I will put home learning activities on the class website in case your child has to isolate, so please check the class page regularly.



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### RWI

The children have already made massive progress in Read Write Inc after being assessed at the end of the first half term. We are really proud of the progress they are making and the attitude they have to learning their sounds.



To help your child at home they would benefit from orally blending words. E.g. b-a-t, bat. The adult says it, then the child repeats. Lots of over learning of this is vital for the children to be able to orally blend sounds together. From this they are able to then read individual sounds and blend them together to read words. The

children know this as 'Fred talk.' Fred is a frog that only talks in sounds and we must help him to put the sounds together. You can practise Fred talk walking home from school, walking to the park sat at home in front of the TV. You will find the children become really eager and ask to practise their 'Fred talk.'

More advice can be found on our class page on the website or speak to Miss Iveson or Miss Hurley.

### Maths

This half term, we will spend a lot of time continuing to work with numbers and continue to gain a solid understanding of what numbers look like in lots of different contexts e.g. 5 balls, 5 dots and the number 5 are all the same.

The children would benefit from lots of practice counting objects and matching it to the correct number. They must be secure in this before we can move onto looking at addition and subtraction. We will spend the majority of this half term consolidating our number work to 10 and starting to add two small single digit numbers using objects.

We will also explore measurement with weight and length. The children will have lots opportunities to measure different objects in the classroom and go on hunts to find the 'heaviest' and 'longest' objects. Please encourage your child to discuss weight and length at home as this will really help secure the children's learning in class.



### Tapestry

If you completed the online permission form, you will have received an email to finalise your Tapestry account. It is vital you do this, as if our bubble is sent home this will be our main form of communication. Thank you to those parents who have already logged on and are viewing their child's learning. It's great to see so many of you enjoying the videos and pictures and commenting on your child's progress. As Tapestry is a new system for St. Ambrose this year, any feedback would be gratefully received.



The other great thing about Tapestry, which again will be vital in as case of isolation/lockdown is that you can upload videos of your child at home. We genuinely love to see what your children get up to outside of school and we show the class who all absolutely love it. We are able to use your videos and pictures to form our assessments so please keep them coming! Don't just think 'learning activities.' Your child learns so much from a walk to the park, a trip out to the shop or simply enjoying playing at home, as all of these situations are extremely valuable.

Please check our website regularly, where current learning is displayed as well as lots of informative advice. If there is anything else, you would find helpful please ask!

<http://www.st-ambrose.manchester.sch.uk/parent-information/classes/reception>