



Welcome to St John's

Reception children starting in September 2023

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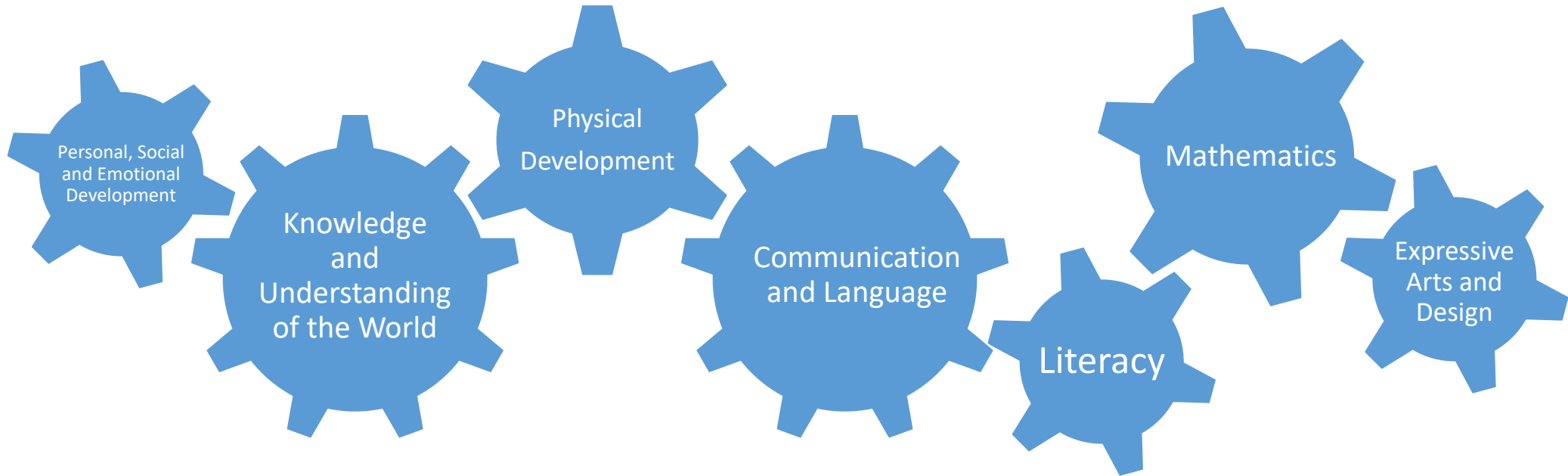
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The Foundation Stage Curriculum

What we learn in Reception

In the Foundation Stage, there are 7 areas of learning:



We work to support your child in all aspects of their growth and development



How we Learn

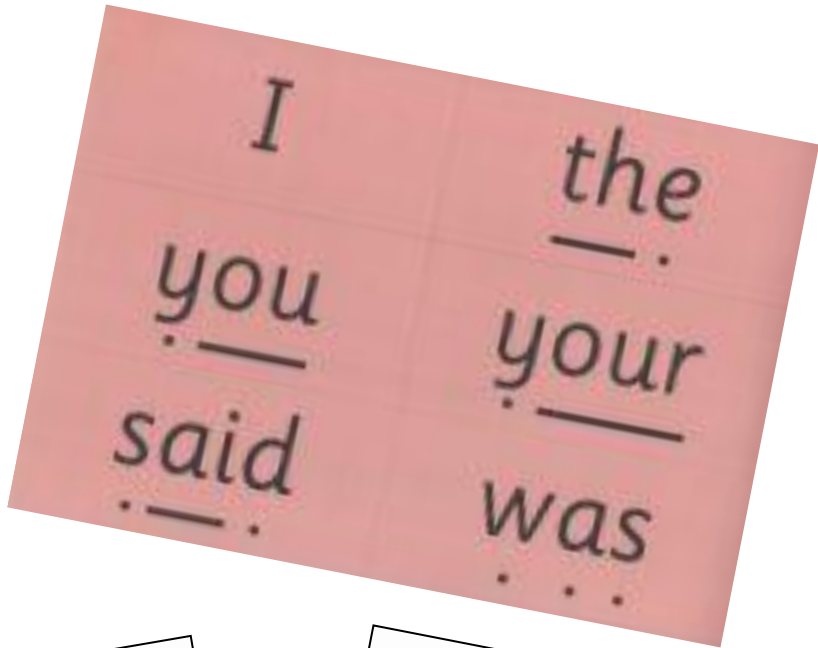
A balance of child initiated and adult directed learning through play and exploration

In Reception at St John's, we encourage children to learn through modelling ideas and encouraging them to have a go themselves. For this reason we provide a balance of teacher-led learning sessions and opportunity for independent play.



We aim to support the children to become independent learners, who are self motivated to focus on the learning, and 'have a go' applying their learning without adult support.

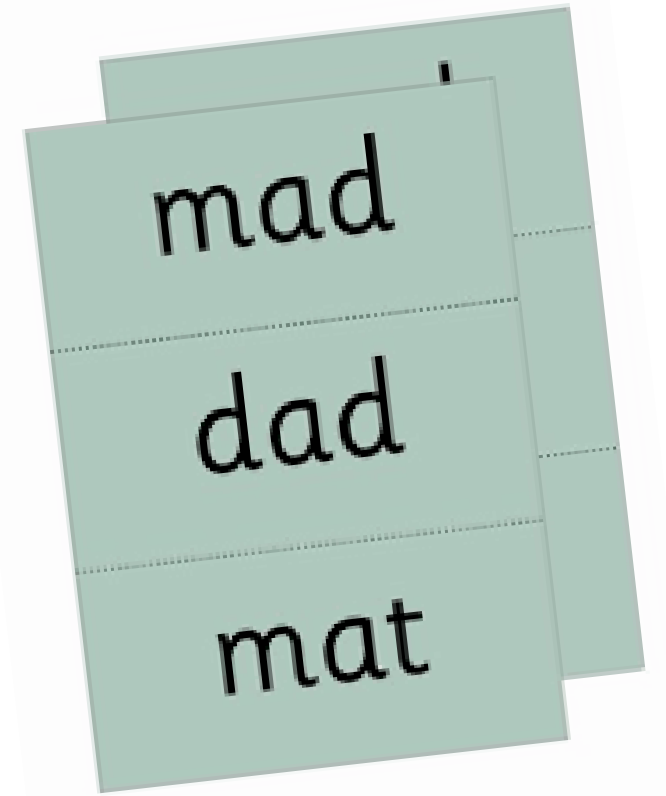
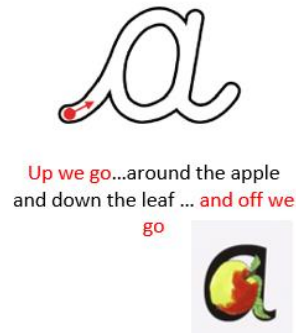
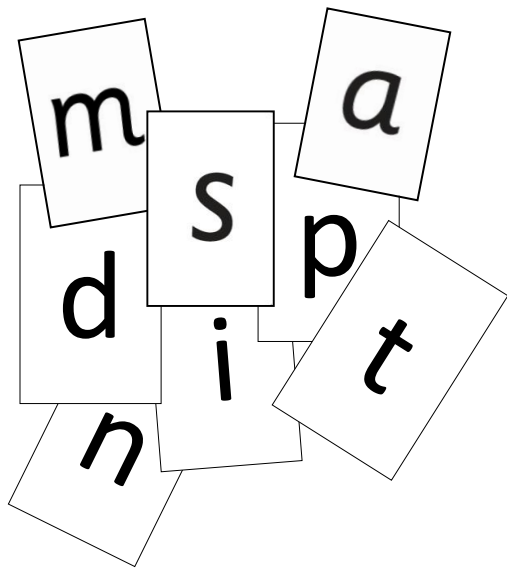




Phonics

Read, Write, Inc

Children are taught the sound alongside a picture.
Pictures help children to remember the sounds
they are taught and learn how to write them.



How you can help your child – Independence!

You can help your child settle into school in September, by starting their learning now

Teach your child to look after their property and treat the property of others with respect

Cook with your child, and encourage them to talk about the changes that occur

Teach your child to write their name, using lower case letters, to count and to write numerals to 10

Talk to your child in your home language, and try to use a rich and varied vocabulary

Allow your child to be independent in feeding themselves, dressing themselves and going to the toilet on their own

Encourage your child to draw , colour and be imaginative . Then share with others and communicate with them

Complete jigsaws, puzzles and play number games with your child and encourage them to talk about numbers that they know

Read with your child and take them to the library to encourage their interest in books and stories



Attendance

It is important that your child is at school on time every day. Missing school means that they are missing valuable learning, and regular absence will mean that your child does not learn the skills that they will need to succeed as they progress through the school.



Uniform

What to get and where to get it

It is important that your child is dressed smartly at school, so that they learn to feel proud of themselves and their learning. At St John's we wear:



- A Green St John's jumper or cardigan
- A Yellow polo shirt
- Grey trousers, skirt, or pinafore
- Green summer dresses
- Black or grey tights, or socks
- Smart black shoes / trainers



School uniform can be purchased from www.forestcasualwear.co.uk or email info@forestcasualwear.co.uk.

The school does stock a limited supply and please check at the school office for availability or sizes.



...don't forget your PE kit!!!

We need sports clothes so children are safe and comfortable in sports sessions

In their PE bag, make sure that your child has:

- A Yellow school T-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black plimsolls
- Black tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt

Make sure that all of your child's clothes are labelled with their name to avoid them getting lost.



Home-School Communication

Working together to provide your child with the best possible learning environment

We try to ensure that you are kept up to date with your child's development, behaviour and learning. You will receive information from:

The St John's
website

Class Dojo

Half Termly
newsletters

Your child's reading
record

Parent Consultations

Please do share both good news or any concerns that you have about your child with us as soon as you can. We can then use this information to support your child.



School Lunches

www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/benefits-and-financial-support/free-school-meals-and-uniform-grant

As part of Islington's school support every child receives a free school lunch, which is very rare across the country.

To receive this free meal every child needs complete the online form to ensure Islington and the school receive the correct funding for the academic year.

The school lunches are provided by Caterlink and are prepared on site, fresh on a daily basis. In Autumn term all parents will be invited in to see the school lunches process and share the experience with their child.

Please follow the link above.



Arrangements for September

The introduction for pupils to STJHV is very important and a key aspect that we pride ourselves in doing.

- Home visits
- Nursery visits
- If your child has medical needs. They will need to bring in their epi-pen asthma pump etc into school on their 1st day and you will need to fill out a medical form.
- Pupils will start on a part time basis and after 5 days will transition to full time.

Half day is 9am – 12.30pm

- Lunch will be provided everyday, even on part time days
- Children will come into school via the main playground entrance on Conewood Street.

On half days, children will be collected from Maberly Hall.

Once they are full time they will be collected from the playground area of the classroom.

