

## How can I help my child's learning at home?

*There are lots of things that you can do as a parent to assist your child with their learning:*

Share a story together

*Please continue to complete your wonderful home learning well done everyone.*

*Try the online reading and numeracy resources that I have given to you. Please give me feedback on how useful they are.*

*Tell us about achievements at home - every step of your child's development is important! These can be added to Tapestry.*

*Tell us about achievements at home: - every step of your child's development is important to us!*



Useful websites for fun learning activities include:

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/education/www/homes/kids/index\\_choice.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/education/www/homes/kids/index_choice.shtml)

## Reception

Hello All,

We have progressed well into the first term in Reception. Your children have settled really well and are all eager to learn.

This will give them a head start at school.

Attendance is important for your child's development. Please ring if your child is ill so that this can be recorded. Please remember school is open at 8.45am and the gate is closed at 8.55am for reasons of safeguarding your children.

Please ensure absences are kept to a minimum this term and that you continue to support your child with their home learning. If there is ever a problem, try to let us know as soon as possible, so that we are able to help the best that we can!

- Contact us by phone at: **01253 311248**
- Look at our school website at:

<http://www.stjohnvianneys.co.uk/>

## The Spirit of Christmas



Curriculum Overview  
Autumn Term 2 2017  
Foundation Stage – Reception  
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## St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

## Reception

### Communication Language and Literacy >>>

Your child's Literacy is taught through 'Read, Write, Inc...'  
Quality talk will be our focus in all areas - encouraging children to communicate effectively in grammatically correct sentences.  
This term we will continue to read a range of stories about celebrations and special events. We will also research information about the history surrounding some of the celebrations.



### Maths >>>

The children will be learning about patterns and shapes.  
They will be learning about capacity of different containers and making comparisons.  
They will learn to use non-standard measures such as cubes.  
The children will also learn to match quantity to numerals.

### Personal Social and Emotional >>>

We are learning to form positive relationships with each other at school. We are learning positive behaviour to prevent bullying during Anti-Bullying Week W/C 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Encourage your child to sound a word in Fred  
Talk e.g. m-a-t mat

The Christmas Fayre  
We will be printing our own Christmas Cards

### Religious Education (RE) >>>

The children are learning about how children are welcomed into the Catholic Church. They will be learning about the period of Advent and the Christmas Story.  
They will learn about the birth of Jesus and Christmas Day.

Practise counting forwards and backwards orally, you can count steps, claps or objects. It all helps.

Can you tell the class about your celebration?

### Physical Development >>>

- The children do daily dough disco
  - Every Monday Mr Haydock comes into school for activities and games to learn new skills including Personal, Social and Emotional Targets
  - Create a mud kitchen
  - Use water and paint to make big numbers and letters
- Playdough -
- Make playdough food for a kitchen

### Understanding the World >>>

This term's theme supports your child to learn about different people and communities.  
We are focussing on different communities and cultures and the way that they celebrate different events.

We will explore the history of Bonfire Night and why we have poppies.  
We will learn about the story of Rama and Sita and Diwali.  
We will discuss birthdays and the real meaning behind Christmas.

### Parental Engagement/WOW events/Trips >>>

- Reception Nativity: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November
- Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

### Expressive Arts and Design >>>

- We will learn to sing songs from memory and perform them.
- We will be working with clay to produce a Diya Lamp.
- We will be making Christmas Decorations and using a range of artistic skills.