

St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Infant School

Curriculum Update

Autumn Term 1 - Reception

Dear Parents,

This letter informs you about what your child will be learning at school in their first half term at school. We hope that you will be able to help your child explore and discuss these areas at home through some of the following ideas:

- researching areas at the local library and helping your child develop their library skills
- searching with them on the internet for child friendly material and relevant websites
- watching relevant television programmes that may support their work, or visiting a museum
- **and, most importantly**, talking to your child about what they have done at school! Listen to what they have learned and praise their achievements!

Topic: Our Lives

We will be starting our journey at school and developing new friendships. We will talk about how to share and take turns and why it important to be a good friend. We will talk about our families and the activities we participate in outside of school. We will need help from our parents to learn about all the special people who make up our family and we will complete a family tree. We will learn about how we have grown and changed since being babies and we will talk about our amazing bodies. The Children's Health Project will help us to learn more about our bodies and minds with lots of exciting activities.

We will explore the area that we live in and discuss the physical and human features of Brentwood. Using maps we will locate some places of interest within Brentwood and we will also learn about the countries that make up the United Kingdom. We will discuss the history of our school and how it has changed since it moved to this site 50 years ago.

We will be discussing all the people who help us in school, at home and in our community. We will learn about a range of jobs including fire-fighter, doctor, dentist, priest and volunteer. We will continue by discussing what jobs we might like to do when we grow up!

We will learn about special people who listened to and helped God, such as Noah. We will talk about the important job Noah had to do for God and why God chose him. We will listen to and learn the Lord's Prayer. We will discuss the meaning of it and talk about why it is important to Christians.