



Elephants Class Curriculum Overview Summer 1 2026

Our topic this half term is Ready, Steady, Grow!



Books we will be reading this half



These books plus many more. We love to read at St John's.

Phonics and Writing

This half term we will begin to learn Phase 4 blends and common exception words. We will continue to revisit Phase 3 digraphs.

We will learn to...

- pick out simple information from books (fiction and non-fiction.)
- understand a prediction must be based on a reason.
- say a complete sentence aloud before writing.
- remember the sentence the sentence before writing it down.
- re-read a sentence to check it makes sense.

Knowledge and understanding of the world

We will:

- Explore magnets.
- Identifying the different parts of a plant.
- Grow plants in the school garden.
- Learn about baby animals.
- Learn about the life cycle of a caterpillar and watching the caterpillars change into butterflies.
- Learn about how we change as we grow.
- Make potato wedges using the potatoes we have grown.



Maths

We will:

- Use spatial reasoning to complete jigsaws and shape puzzles.
- We will be exploring sharing in practical and fun ways.
- Continue to revise pairs of numbers that add up to 5 and 10.
- Explore how shapes can be made using smaller shapes.
- Find 2D shapes within 3D shapes.
- Revisit odd and even numbers.
- Continue to develop fluency with counting and explore numerical patterns.



Physical Development

We will be continuing to develop small motor skills so that your child can use a range of tools including a pencil and scissors confidently.

Games is our theme for PE on Thursdays. Please ensure that your child brings in their kit each week.



Expressive Arts and Design



We will be

- Creating work inspired by the artist Alma Thomas.
- Revisiting the primary and secondary colours.
- Creating patterns using vegetables.
- Drawing vegetables and plants with detail.
- Singing songs about growing.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will learn

'Fake is a mistake' is our Heart Smart theme of this half term.

We will be learning...

- to be kind and encouraging to others.
- the importance of being honest.
- that being themselves is the best that they can be.

We will be reflecting on things that we are thankful for and sharing something that is special about their homes and families.



Communication and Language

We will learn to..

- listen attentively
- articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentence connecting one idea or action with another
- use a series of sentences with conjunctions
- ask questions to find out more.
- listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.
- develop storylines.
- listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding.

Religious Education

Our value for this half term is Friendship.

This half term, we'll be exploring stories and beliefs that help children understand kindness and faith.

We will be learning about Sikhism, discover what makes a hero reading the story of the Good Samaritan and begin to understand that Christians believe God helps them. We will also be thinking about who helps us in our own lives and how we can show kindness and support to others.

