

Welcome to Giraffes



Your Teachers



Mrs Aryal



Mrs Struck

Mrs Lemon (Wednesday afternoons)



Topic Themes



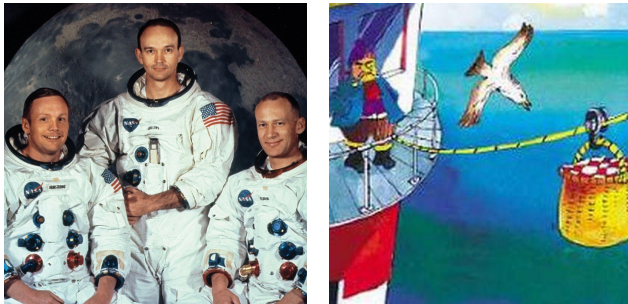
Autumn 1 – Welcome to Wimborne
Autumn 2 – Sensational Seasons



Spring 1 – Toys in the Past
Spring 2 – Amazing Animals



Summer 1 – Space Explorers
Summer 2 – Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch





Timetable

Every day: Phonics, English, Worship, Maths, Guided Reading, Story Time

Weekly: Computing, History, Geography, PE, Science, RE, Music, Art, DT, PSHE

Every Monday afternoon until Christmas: Forest School



Please send children into school with their PE kit/spares at the beginning of the week and then it will be returned at half term. PE is on a **Thursday** .

Please name everything!



Monday

We will go to Forest School in every weather! Please pack clothes that are appropriate for the forecast.

Please name everything!



Belongings

- All clearly named
- Bookbags (no rucksacks please)
- No toys
- Coats everyday as we go into winter
- Water bottles everyday

Home / School Link Book



- Please aim to hear your child read **daily** or as often as possible.
- Record and sign in Home Link Book.
- Reading book and link book needs to be in the book bag everyday.

Reading



- At St John's our aim is for children to '**read to learn**' and '**read to enjoy**' therefore children will have two books – one to practise essential reading skills and a second book from the library that you can share together.
- Reading book and library book changed weekly.
- Aiming for independent decoding but also fluency, comprehension, expression.

Reading



- Library books changed on a Tuesday, if the previous book is brought back.
- Reading book changed weekly, if it has been read at home.

Link Books



- Please ensure that these are in your child's book bag everyday so that we can read with them in school and change their reading book, as needed.

Phonics



- Phonics continues and becomes an even greater focus in Year 1.
- We will learn the alternative spellings, for example:

ai -> **ay** (play), **ey** (prey), **a_e** (cake), **ei/eigh** (eight), **a** (acorn), **ea** (break).

- There is a statutory Phonics Screening Check in the Summer term.

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Home Learning



Home learning is set on a Friday and due in by the following Wednesday

- Phonics activities set on Google Classroom every week.
- Maths activities set every other week.
- Activities use spelling strategies taught in class.

Google Classroom

To check the homework set each week log in to google classroom.

Your child has an email address ending

@stjohnsfirstschool.org

Your child's password has been randomly generated and you will be prompted to change it. In school we will log in using QR codes.

Maths



- Maths- White Rose Education - This is a new scheme for us which we are excited about.
- Focus on mastery, fluency and mathematical vocabulary.
- Tasks- discussion, reasoning and creativity.
- Concrete - pictorial - abstract.



HeartSmart



We are a **HeartSmart School!**

HeartSmart is a creative approach that we use to build character, emotional health and resilience in children. At St John's, we want everyone to know that they are loved, cared for and valued. We recognise the value of educating the heart alongside educating the mind. We use HeartSmart to do just that!



Milk & snack



Every child is entitled to a free daily snack of a provided fruit or vegetable.

You may provide your own snack – please ensure this is a healthy snack/

Milk is now available to purchase through the school office if your child would like a carton of milk at school.

Thank you!



Any Questions

Any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me!

- At the end of the day
- Via contacting the school office