

Diamond Class 2024/25

Teachers:

Miss Anderson - Class Teacher lauren.anderson@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk	Ms Ozgen - Teaching Assistant
Ms Ozgen/ Mr Pople - Additional Guided Reading Teachers	Mrs Hocyk - Parent mentor-supporting children's mental health and well-being
Ms Chebbi - Religious Education	Mr Pople – Physical Education
Mrs Miller - Music	Madame Sylvie - French

Attendance and Punctuality

It is crucial your child attends school on a regular basis as we are moving through the curriculum quickly and if they are off for a few days, they can get behind. Diamond class **starts work at 8:45am** so it is also crucial your child is on time as there are early morning tasks to complete during registration which support their learning.

Guided Reading:

Every child is in a reading group reading the same text. They will be set reading each guided reading lesson to be ready for their next guided reading sessions on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

We ask the children to complete 2 sentences from the reading they are given each day to ensure they are reading at home. These are important to check the children have understood and can make links from the text. This will be in an orange exercise book. Also, we will set comprehension style questions based on the book thinking focused on vocabulary and inference skills. These will be set on a Tuesday to be returned on Thursday to check their understanding of the text and ensure they are on track.

It is pertinent that you read with your child at home, even if you think they are able to read independently. Checking for their understanding through questioning and researching tricky words also help your children progress significantly. We celebrate passionate readers at St John's but emphasise children don't read ahead in their guided reading book as this can affect the discussions the group may have in the future. Instead, please encourage your child to read an additional book and use the skills they have learnt.

Times tables:

Each child has an account on Times Tables Rock Stars which will help them to learn and become quicker on their times tables. Your child will receive their login details, and it is essential to practise on a regular basis. These will be regularly tested throughout each term. Every week children will be celebrated for reaching the top of the class leaderboard. Times tables homework will be set every Friday and there will be 15 minutes of garage for the children to complete.

Maths Homework:

Each child will also have a MyMaths account and homework will be set on a Friday evening to be completed online by the following Thursday morning. This should be carried out independently as much as possible! If MyMaths is not completed there will be a catch-up club every Friday lunchtime to complete this.

Spellings

We have a weekly spelling test on Thursday. Children will receive their spellings each week to learn at home. They will also have time in school to complete their look, cover, spell activity during Early Morning Work throughout the week. Please ensure children follow the method of Look, Cover, Write, Check to ensure they are learning and not just copying.

Behaviour

We use a basic behaviour system where every child starts on green. If they display good behaviour then children will be moved up to gold and be rewarded with a golden ticket which will give them an opportunity to win a prize at the end of the week. As an additional incentive to good behaviour children visit Hillyfields each half-term. If children do make mistakes, they will be reminded of the appropriate behaviour but may move down to orange if they persist. Children who continue to not follow instructions are moved to red which are for persistent defiance and serious incidents. The huge majority of children tend to stay on green.

School Uniform/PE/Clubs:

Full school uniform is to be worn on a daily basis apart from our PE days which are Tuesday and Friday where appropriate PE kit is required. We regularly attend services at St John's Church where school uniform is mandatory, please refer to the school website/ newsletter for these specific dates. At St John's we encourage all children to take part in an after-school club each year and are proud to offer such a diverse range of clubs for every child's interests.

<u>Day</u>	Before School 8-8:45	After School 3-4
Monday		Netball
Tuesday		Football
Wednesday		Pathways /Choir /Football
Thursday		Tennis /Jiu-Jitsu
Friday	Tag Rugby	

Diamond Bear

Every child will have the opportunity to bring home a bear and can take it on an adventure. As parents, please do not feel you have to take the bear on an extravagant adventure but instead focus on the recount, making sure children are practising their writing. Feel free to add photos to your account and if this is not possible for you at home, please email them to me and I can print and add them in. We are also looking for every child who brings the bear home to write a prayer or reflection also.

Swimming

As part of the PE national curriculum vital life skills are included such as swimming. In the Spring term we are able to partake in a 10-week swimming programme to ensure all children are confident in water. Whilst the programme is well suited to beginners, it would be beneficial if children could have lesson/s beforehand to really benefit from these extra sessions. More details will be released about this nearer the time.

Additional Learning

Although we are living in difficult times where money is tight, it is always beneficial that children get a wide range of experience from the wider world. I am sure that you are aware of many ways to help your children outside of school work. However, I have listed a couple of suggestions below for support. Please do let me know of any exciting things you get up to that you think other parents would benefit from and these are good opportunities to use with Diamond Bear.

Before the weekly foodshop, children could practise their handwriting by writing the list and use their maths skills to calculate a budget and investigate whether this was possible. Furthermore, lots of museums in London are free and offer a snapshot of different cultures and moments in history. Additionally, Enfield Library is free for children and often runs competitions during the holidays.

Contact

If you have any concerns please contact me, in the first instance, on my email address:

lauren.anderson@stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk and I will try to respond as soon as possible. Otherwise, I am around, at the gate after school.