



# ST JOHN THE DIVINE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term here at St John the Divine. Myself and Mrs Grannel have very much enjoyed working with and getting to know your child over the last seven weeks and we look forward to another successful term together.

Your child has now settled into the routines of our EYFS Class, growing and maturing socially and academically. Last term the children particularly enjoyed whole class Literacy sessions; developing their understanding and speaking skills to discuss and re-tell stories. The children have developed their Maths skills; they have begun to recognise numbers to 20, match numeral to quantity as well as learning how to use maths resources to help them. Alongside this, they have enjoyed Black History Month; learning about different cultures and important figures!

This term our topic is 'Travel & Transport' and teaching and learning will be based on the books 'Diwali' by Hannah Eliot and 'My Granny went to Market' by Stella Blackstone among others. Attached to this letter is a topic map, which shows the seven areas of learning in the Early Years Curriculum and our focus for this term in each of those areas.

During this term your child will be set **homework** on Fridays which is due in on Mondays. This homework supports your child's learning in school.

In addition to their weekly homework, your child is expected to read their individual reading book for **10 minutes a day at home**, with support from an adult. Your child has their own reading record book which is to be updated after each reading session. Your child will read with an adult at least once a week in school, we will also make a comment in their reading record book on how well your child has read in school as this is a useful way for us all to track your child's reading progress.

PE is on **Tuesday and Friday mornings**, please ensure your child continues to bring their PE kit in on a Monday and that it stays at school until Friday. This term we will be exploring Moving and Handling. PE lessons will focus on dance and ball skills. Children will explore moving in different ways and will learn how to jump off an object and land appropriately.

Kind Regards,

Ms Mitchell  
Class Teacher

