

Welcome to St Thomas' Church of England Primary School



New Parents' Meeting

June 2024



Learning and growing in the sight of God

Our EYFS Curriculum

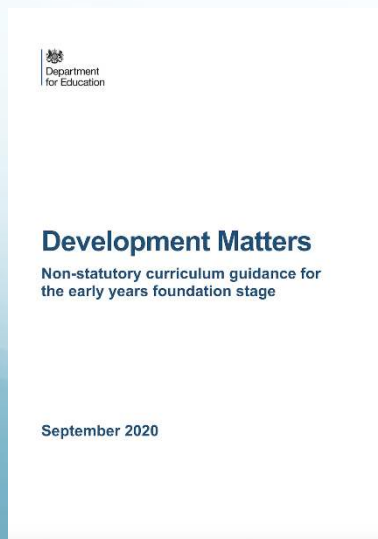
We have adopted the new EYFS curriculum. The new areas of learning are as follows:

Area of Learning	Aspects		
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Self-Regulation	Managing Self	Building Relationships
Communication and Language	Listening, Attention and Understanding	Speaking	
Physical Development	Gross Motor Skills	Fine Motor Skills	
Literacy	Comprehension	Word Reading	Writing
Maths	Number	Numerical Patterns	
Understanding the World	People, Culture and Communities	The Natural World	Past and Present
Expressive Arts and Design	Creating with Materials	Being imaginative and Expressive	

EYFS Guidance

At St Thomas' our curriculum is planned using information from both the 'Development Matters' guidance and the 'Birth to 5 Matters' guidance.

To find out more information about these documents and what is typically expected for children's learning and development from birth to 5, please click on the links below these videos on the year group website to find out more





Oral Health

- Focus on oral health throughout the year
- Visit from Anne Jepson
- Encourage links from home sending in pictures of tooth brushing and visits from the dentist
- Not allowed to bring sweets into school. Instead, encouraged to donate an unwanted or new book to school with a message from your child.



Lunch



- Children will go into the main hall for lunch and will need to bring a packed lunch.
- We are a healthy school so please send your child with a healthy packed lunch.





Things to remember

- Water
- Grapes to be cut in half.
- Send appropriate amount of food for your child.
- Hot things can be brought in a thermos flask.
- Practice having a packed lunch over the holidays.
- Please introduce new foods at home before putting them in packed lunches.



Observations

- A picture of what the child is doing can be taken and the practitioner will write a dialogue of what the child was doing and saying
- This information will be stored on your child's learning journal.
- Please find more information about Tapestry on our school webpage.



School Fund

- Voluntary contribution of £1 a week
- Can pay at the start of every half term
- The fund is used to purchase items for fun activities such as baking, planting and craft activities

Things to bring to nursery

- Wellies
- Waterproof trousers or all in one (if possible)
- Coat (in all weathers)
- Water bottle
- Book bag – no rucksacks
- Spare underwear, socks and clothes to be kept in a plastic bag or drawstring bag to stay on their peg.
- Snack if they wish to have a particular fruit



Toileting

Your child will need to be in underwear or knickers.

We know that accidents will happen, especially when your child is in a new environment.

Your child will be changed quietly, without a fuss, and then they will be able to get on with their day.

If you haven't started toilet training, please start now.

For tips on toilet training please see the following websites:



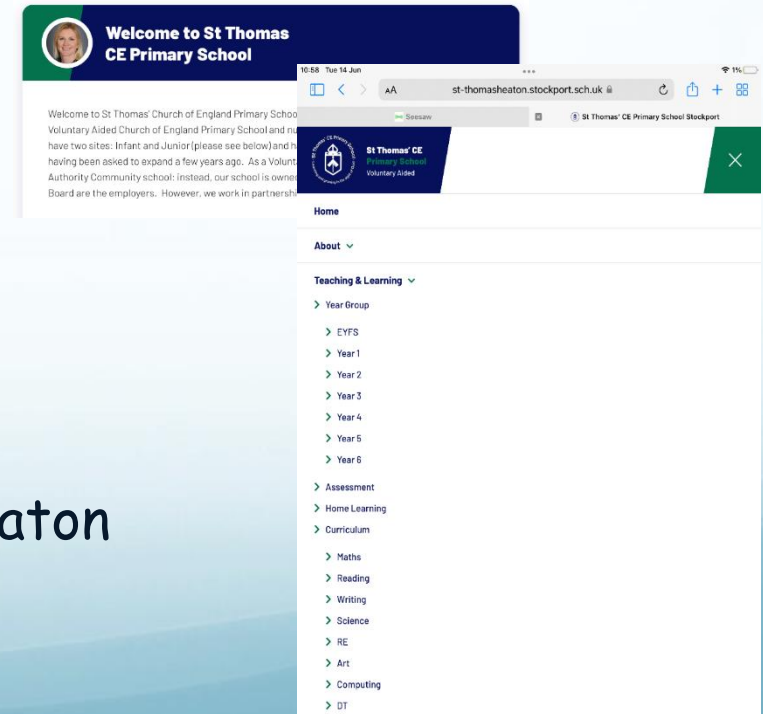
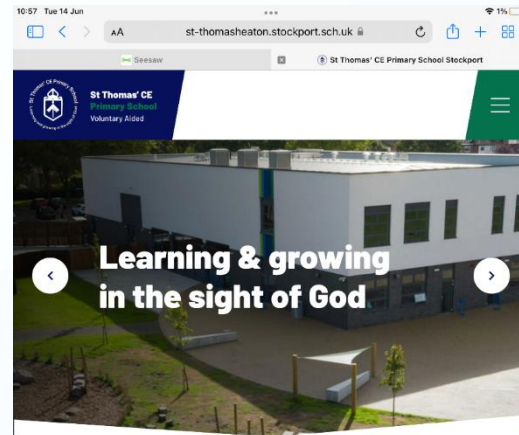
Parent Involvement

Parent Links

- Outdoor Learning sessions at the Junior site
- Grandparent's Decoration Day
- Secret Reader
- Visits to school to discuss occupation

How do you know what's going on?

- Tapestry
- Weekly learning on Tapestry
- Newsletters every half term
- Emails
- Text messages
- Letters
- Poster/noticeboard
- Website
- X (formally Twitter) - @StThomasHeaton



What if you want to talk to your child's teacher?

- Parents' Evening twice a year
- Speak to the teacher at the Nursery door in the morning or pick up
- Ring or email the office to arrange a phone call or a meeting

How can you be involved?

- Events
- Supporting your child with learning tasks in 'This weeks Learning' and attendance
 - PTA
 - School Governors
 - Volunteering in school

Settling In

Transition Day

- Visit classroom and their class teacher on

Thursday 4th July

Caterpillars – 9.30am-10.30am

Ladybirds - 1.30pm-2.30pm

- Drop off and collect using the gate at the front of the school to the left hand side of the office
- Parents/ Carers can come into the classroom
- Children will be left for the session to meet their new teachers and their friends

'All About Me' board

- A3 board about themselves
- Your child can choose to draw pictures or collage using photos of their loved ones and interests
- They will need to return their boards to school during their 'Meet the Teacher' meeting
- Your child will use their boards to introduce themselves to their friends
- They will then be kept in a special 'All about Me' book in the classroom for everyone to see and share together

'Meet the Teacher'

Caterpillars - Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th September

Ladybirds - Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th September

Appointments will only last 25 minutes so please bring any questions or useful information with you for your meeting, including any medical information

An interpreter (Urdu, Pasto, Panjabi, Hindi and Hanko) will be available on Wednesday the 4th please let us know today if this would be helpful for you.

If you would like an interpreter for a different language this can be arranged.

Your child will also need to attend this appointment

Please bring any medication to this appointment

Starting Nursery

- Pick up and drop off at the Nursery entrance or Buckingham Road gate more information to follow.

Caterpillars

Monday 9th 9.00-10am

Tuesday 10th 10.30-1pm (stay for Lunch)

Wednesday 11th 8.45-11.45am

Ladybirds

Wednesday 11th 1pm - 2pm

Thursday 12th 8.45-11am

Friday 13th 10.30am-1pm (stay for lunch)

From Monday 16th September usual timetable:

Monday 16th 8.45-3.15pm

Tuesday 17th 8.45 - 3.15pm

Wednesday 18th 8.45 - 11.45am

From Wednesday 18th September usual timetable:

Wednesday 18th 1pm - 3.15pm

Thursday 19th 8.45am - 3.15pm

Friday 20th 8.45am - 3.15pm