

# Welcome to St Thomas' Church of England Primary School



New Parents' Meeting

June 2023



Learning and growing in the sight of God

# Our EYFS Curriculum

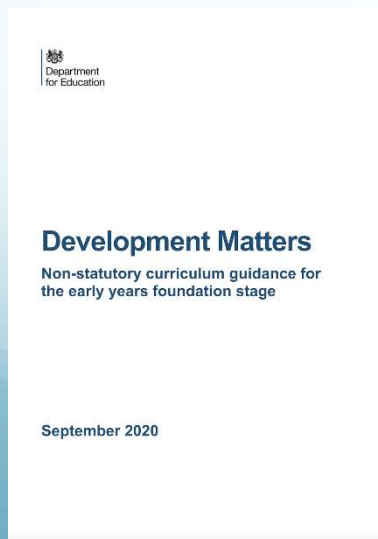
We have adopted the new EYFS curriculum. The new areas of learning are as follows:

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 to 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.



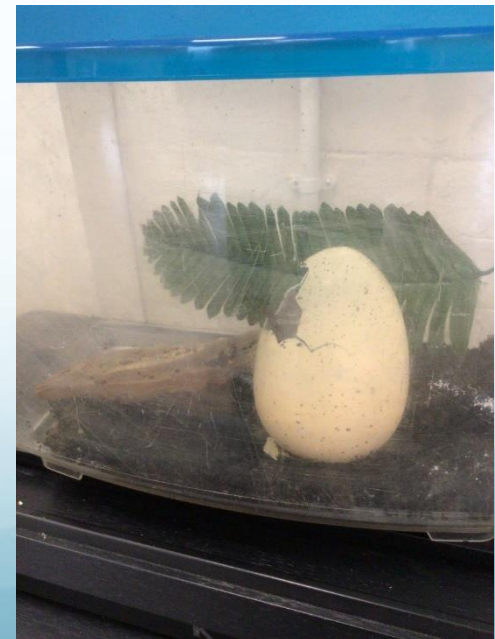
# Observations

- 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, which you will receive on a CD at the end of the school year
- 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 their nursery bag
- Snack if they wish to have a particular fruit



# Parent Involvement



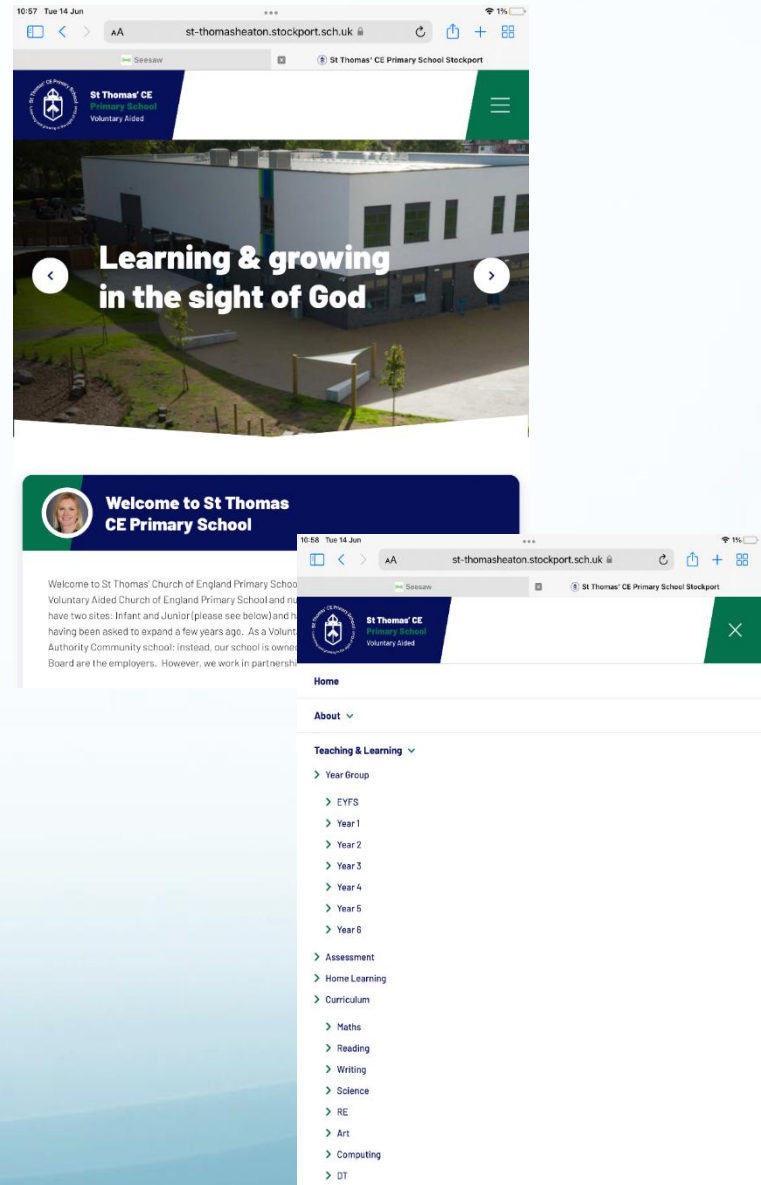


# Parent Links

- Outdoor Learning sessions at the Junior site
- Celebration events at the end of the half term
- Parent ideas linked to activities
- 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
- 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 the office to arrange a phone call or a meeting

# How can you be involved?

- Events
- Supporting your child with schoolwork and attendance
  - PTA
  - School Governors
  - Volunteering in school





# Settling In



# Transition Day

- Visit classroom and their class teacher on

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

**Ladybirds – 9.30am-10.30am**

**Caterpillars - 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 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Ladybirds – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup>  
September

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

Your child will also need to attend this appointment



# Starting Nursery

- Pick up and drop off via the Nursery entrance

## **Caterpillars**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 9.00-10am

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 10.30-1pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 8.45-11.45am

## **Ladybirds**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 1pm - 2pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 8.45-11am

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 10.30am-1pm

From Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September usual  
timetable:

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 8.45-3.15pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 8.45 - 3.15pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 8.45 - 11.45am

From 20<sup>th</sup> September usual timetable:

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 1pm - 3.15pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 8.45am - 3.15pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 8.45am - 3.15pm