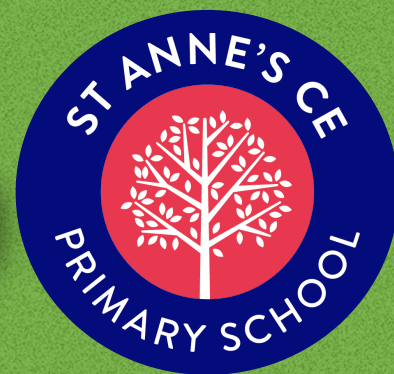


Apple Tree



Welcome

We hope that your child has had an enjoyable introduction into school life here at St. Anne's and that they are looking forward to their first half term. We have lots of exciting things planned and all the staff are looking forward to getting to know the children over the next few weeks. We will keep you up to date with what's going on in Class Dojo. It would be great if you could post special moments from home, too

Contact

Book a meeting via the school office at enquiries@st-annes.lincs.sch.uk or catch a member of Team Reception at the beginning or end of the day.



Maths

Apple Tree Class will take part in daily NCETM Mastering Number sessions, which help build strong early maths skills. They will practise subitising, counting, and understanding how numbers can be made in different ways. This term, the children will be encouraged to quantify sets of objects by subitising, rather than counting. When subitising, children can say how many there are in a small group of objects by 'just seeing' and knowing straightaway without needing to count.

Key focuses this term:

- Show the number in a set using different objects – e.g. showing on their fingers.
- name quantities with number words, (e.g. "I can see 3.").
- match sets to numerals.
- make their own arrangements that can be subitised.

How you can help at home:

- Count everyday objects such as toys, steps or snacks.
- Subtilise (look don't count) small objects up to 3.
- Talk about more, fewer and the same when comparing groups.

Communication & Language and Literacy

This term we will be learning how to listen by sharing stories and responding to them in different ways. We also hope to help your child to speak confidently with their peers, as well as adults, and to develop their speaking and listening skills during role-play situations. We will begin to use story language when sharing books and will teach the children how to navigate and care for books. The children will be taught to hear and write the first phonic sounds (letters) through a daily programme called Read Write Inc. Writing our own names with correct letter formation is a big priority and will be done through practical activities as well as learning how to hold a pencil correctly and comfortably.

How you can help at home:

- Read with your child daily and talk about the story to boost vocabulary and comprehension.
- Encourage your child to write their name.
- Practice fine motor activities such as threading, play-dough or cutting with safety scissors.

Religious Education

This term, we will be learning about celebrations such as Harvest and Christmas as well as special celebrations in other faiths, such as the Hindu festival of Diwali.

Themes

Learning in the Foundation Stage is based around the children's interests, questions and the world around them. This term, they will take part in a range of purposeful activities, with plenty of opportunities for independent play both indoors and outdoors.

Marvellous Me

We will begin our first theme by exploring our bodies and how we move through drama and dance. We will share our feelings, interests and families, and create self-portraits to celebrate what makes us unique. We will then learn about homes and animal habitats, using a range of materials to build on a small and large scale. The outdoor area will be transformed into a building site, children will explore measuring,



comparing and construction. As autumn approaches, we will go on an autumn walk to notice seasonal changes. They will also make soup from autumn produce and learn about Harvest Festival and why we celebrate it.

Growing and Going

In November, we will learn about Bonfire Night and Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. We will also explore our own celebrations, including birthdays, and plan a birthday party for Chester, our class monkey. As the theme continues, children will think about giving and receiving gifts, investigate different types of toys and how they work, and make simple versions of their favourites. They will also create a toy shop to develop their maths skills. The final part of the theme will focus on the festive season. Children will learn about Christmas and take part in the Christmas production.

We will also look at summer changes,

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

We will help your child to settle in to school life and will introduce all of the children to school routines and behaviour expectations here at St. Anne's School. Through stories, drama, talk and games the children will consider new beginnings and making friends in our circle time sessions.

PE

The children will be introduced to Physical Education and structured movement through the topic of 'fantasy and adventure. They will spend time learning basic principles of a PE lesson such as finding space, freezing on command, using and sharing equipment and working individually, with a partner and group. They will take part in activities which will develop fundamental movement skills such as running, jumping, skipping.

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 1

- 29/9/26 Whole School Belton House Trip
- 6/10/26 Reception Church Coffee Morning
- 3/10/26 9:30am Harvest Festival Celebration @ St. Anne's Church
- 7/10/26 Influenza Vaccine
- 12/10/26 Individual/Sibling Photos
- 23/10/26 Autumn Term 1 Ends

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- 17-18/11/25 Parents' Evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
- 4/12/26 Christmas Fayre 1:30pm-3.30pm
- 9/12/26 Christmas Show 2:00pm
- 10/12/26 Christmas Show 9:30am
- 11/12/26 Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
- 16/12/26 Christingle @ St. Anne's Church 9.30am
- 18/12/26 Autumn Term 2 Ends

If you have any questions or would like ideas for home activities, please get in touch.

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Class Dojo

Information about what we have been up to can be found on our Class Dojo where you are also able to share things with us using your child's portfolio. There will also be regular whole school updates throughout the term so keep a look out! If you need any assistance using Class Dojo, please let us know.

