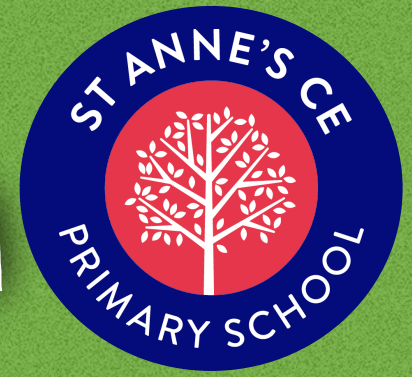


Reception



Welcome Back

Welcome back to school! We hope you all enjoyed a restful Easter break and are feeling ready for an exciting Summer Term ahead. We are hoping for lots of sunny weather so that we can enjoy learning outdoors as much as possible, particularly in our wonderful garden area. Do keep an eye out for all the fascinating things growing there!

Contact

To discuss your child, book via the school office at enquiries@st-annes.lincs.sch.uk or catch a Year R staff member at the end of the day.

Communication & Language and Literacy

This term we will be supporting the children as they prepare for their transition to Year 1. Linked to our topics Wonderful World and Growing and Going, we will continue to develop pupils' confidence and skills in listening, speaking and understanding, as well as in reading and writing.

Key focuses this term:

- Phonics — the children will take part in five Read Write Inc. phonics sessions each week to strengthen their reading and spelling skills.
- Writing — we will practise composing simple sentences, using capital letters, full stops and clear spaces between words.
- Handwriting and fine motor skills — we will spend time on pencil grip, letter formation and activities to improve fine motor control.

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 simple labels, cards or sentences and praise their use of capitals, full stops and spaces.
- Provide opportunities for fine motor practice such as threading, play-dough or cutting with safety scissors.

Maths

This term, children in Reception will continue to take part in NCETM Mastering Number sessions, which help build strong early maths skills. They will practise subitising, counting, and understanding how numbers up to 10 can be made in different ways. Children will also explore number bonds to 5 and 10, compare groups of objects, and begin to use their knowledge to solve simple addition and subtraction problems. These sessions are designed to help children become more confident and fluent with number in a fun, practical way.

How you can help at home:

- Count everyday objects such as toys, steps or snacks.
- Practise number bonds to 5 and 10 using fingers or small items.
- Talk about more, fewer and the same when comparing groups.
- Play simple addition and taking away games with familiar objects. such as house numbers, bus numbers and prices in shops.

Religious Education

This term, we will be learning about the things and places that are special to ourselves and others. We will listen to stories from a range of cultures and faiths, talk about the lessons they teach us, and celebrate what makes each of us unique.

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.

Wonderful World

Over the next five weeks, the children will explore the changing seasons and look closely at spring in our environment. They will go on a spring walk, create nature-inspired artwork and begin growing seeds while learning what plants need to grow. The children will also learn about our planet, including different places we have visited and where our families come from, as well as how we can care for the Earth



through re-using and recycling. They will investigate floating and sinking, travel into space to learn about the solar system, and discover the world of minibeads. The theme will end with a focus on people in our community and the jobs they do.

Growing and Going

During our final term, the children will learn about how they have grown and changed, and explore how other living things change over time. This will include our trip to Screwell Farm, watching caterpillars turn into butterflies and learning where food comes from.

We will also look at summer changes, sun safety, holidays and transport, before helping the children prepare for their move into their new class and their role in welcoming the new Foundation Stage children in September.



PE

This term, we will continue to provide plenty of opportunities for the children to develop their gross and fine motor skills. In P.E., they will practise key skills such as running, throwing, catching and skipping through our Ball Skills and Games units, and we will also be preparing them for their first Sports Day.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

PSED will continue to be taught through a range of stories, drama, circle time discussions and games, in line with our Jigsaw PSHE framework and the needs of the children. This term, we will focus on the units 'Relationships', which will focus on exploring friendships and the qualities of a good friend, and 'Changing Me', where we will discuss the changes children experience as they prepare to make the move into Year 1.

Diary Dates

Here are some important dates:

Summer Term 5

- 4/5/26 May Bank Holiday school closed
- 22/5/26 Last day of Term 5

Summer Term 6

- 1/6/26 First day of Term 6
- 9/6/26 Y0 Trip to Scarewell Farm
- 25/6/26 Sports Day 10am-2pm
- 30/6/26 Transition Day
- 3/7/26 Reserve for Sports Day
- 9/7/26 Sponsorship Day
- 11/7/26 End of Year Reports
- 13/7/26 Last week for clubs
- 20/7/26 Summer Party Day
- 22/7/26 Last day of Term 6

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.

