

# Newsletter Spring One 2022

## A Warm Welcome Back

Home of the Foxes and the Owls



A HUGE, **warm** welcome back!

We hope you had a fantastic holiday and we can't wait to get started in 2022.

### Curriculum

Over the course of the first Spring half term we be exploring the theme

### 'Ticket to Ride'



During the term we will be getting to know our emotions a little better, looking at the roar scale and discussing how we can support ourselves and others when we aren't feeling at our best. We will also be looking at road safety and the green cross code.

At **SMITH** we follow the Liverpool SACRE scheme for Religious Education, the big idea we will be exploring is to 'Understand that some places are special to us and members of our community'. We will be exploring images of the local church and synagogue and hopefully having a visit from our local vicar.

We will continue to have indoor PE sessions during the Spring term on a Tuesday, we ask that on these day children please wear their PE kit.

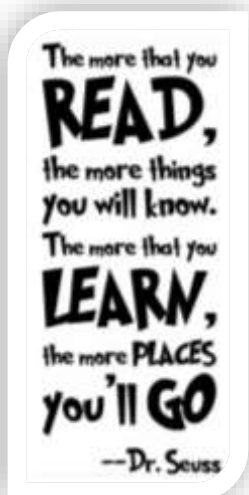
A curriculum map which shares the wider teaching and learning events in reception is available on our school website, via the reception class page. [Reception – St. Michael In The Hamlet Community Primary School \(stmichaelinthehamletschool.com\)](https://stmichaelinthehamletschool.com)

### Monster Phonics

We will continue to teach daily phonics; phonics is all about how the alphabetic system works. We have been working through the scheme and now and now we are moving on to diagraphs (two letters which make one sounds). For a sound mat of sounds we covered, please see our reception page on the school website. This will also available in your child's online class dojo portfolio.

### Reading Challenges

Each week on class dojo we will be adding an at home reading challenge, the first one will be posted into your child's portfolio on Friday. Here at **SMITH** we know the importance of early reading and developing a reading culture for the children in our school and we want to start this with our youngest children.




## Home Readers

We ask that children should be reading their physical reading book that is sent home each week as well as accessing Monster Phonics ebooks throughout the week. Monster Phonics books are phonically plausible books that can be sounded.

We will continue to send out home readers on a Monday afternoon, please bring these back in on a Friday so they can be changed.

## How to access Monster Phonics eBooks

Monster Phonics ebooks . Please follow the steps below to set up your own login to access Monster Phonics ebooks for your child to read at home.

1. Click the link to be forwarded to the monster phonics ebooks page;  
<https://monsterphonics.com/register/ebooks-whole-scheme/?ca=02366ccff61b6f856a62d03113a610fe>
2. Scroll down and complete the form. ONLY the School Information should be inserted where the form asks for an address.
3. This will create a specific eBook login for parents to use at home.
4. If you have any problems the chat function on the website is really useful.

## General Business

- We will be continuing to eat in the lunch hall, the new lunch menu is now available on the school website.
- We ask that with the current weather you continue to send your child in with a warm, waterproof coat and with a pair of wellington boots. We continue to ask that you please make sure all items such as; hats, jumpers, packed lunches and water bottles are clearly labelled.
- If you have moved or changed your contact number since your child started with us, please update with the school office ASAP.
- If your child is being picked up by someone who is unfamiliar to the staff please message on dojo or ring the school office.
- Class dojo will continue to let parents know about things happening in class such as; enrichment activities, special events and visitors. This is the most effective and responsive communication tool with your reception teacher.



## Dates for your Diary

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Beatles Day - 1960s Day

Children can come to school dressed as one of the Beatles or from the 1960s

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 – Chinese New Year

Children will be learning the story, running the race and trying different Chinese foods

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – The Party Bus

The party bus is coming to school for children to celebrate all their hard work.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term

School finishes at the normal time of 3:10pm for reception