

**St Simon and St Jude Church of England Primary School**  
**“Living and Learning in the Eyes of God”**

***Friendship, Courage, Truthfulness, Forgiveness, Compassion, Respect***  
*Psalm 25:4 - Show me your way, Lord. Teach me your path.*

**Pre-School**  
**Autumn Term 1 2025**  
**Miss Greenwood, Mrs Bates and Mrs Kirk**



A very warm welcome to all new and existing parents to our  
Pre-school at St Simon and St Jude.

This newsletter will contain important information about  
your child's learning over the next 7 weeks.



We will be using the Tapestry online learning journal to keep you up to date with your child's  
development and uploading photos of their learning.

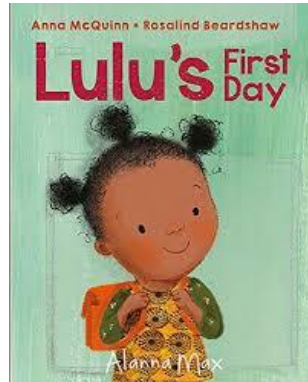
All other messages and newsletters will be found on Arbor, you should have received a link  
for both via email to enable you to activate your child's account.



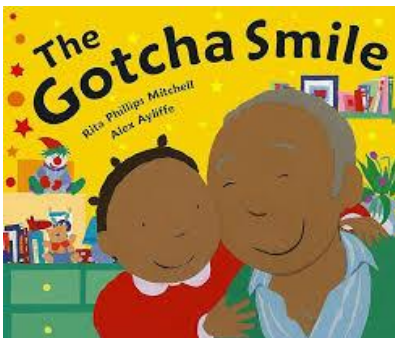
### This terms focus

Our focus this term in pre-school will be 'Who am I' This will enable all children and staff to get to know each other, build strong relationships, talk about our family, our bodies and most importantly ensuring that the children feel safe and have fun.

### Literacy

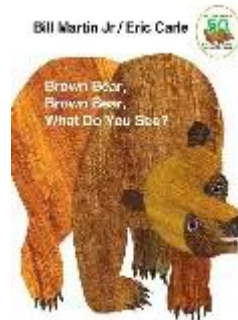


'Lulu's First Day'  
By Alanna Max



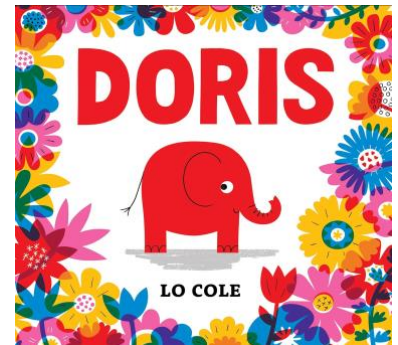
'The Gotcha Smile'

By Rita Phillips Mitchell



'Brown Bear'

By Bill Martin & Eric Carle



'Doris'

By Lo Cole

Throughout the term and year, we will share a variety of carefully chosen stories and rhymes with the children.

These will support the themes and subjects that we cover.

These are a few of the stories we'll share this term and our theme is;

'Who am I?'

Below is a few of the rhymes we will be covering.

Hello/Goodbye song  
If your happy and you know it  
Head, shoulders, knees and toes  
1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I caught a fish alive

### Homework

When talking or reading with your child it is important to try and encourage deeper thinking and reasoning. This can be done by asking them what they think might happen next, why did that happen or what would happen if something went wrong?

### Expressive Arts and Design

We will be learning about Wassily Kandinsky  
And the colour study  
'Squares with concentric circles'



The Children will be creating a piece of artwork inspired by Kandinsky exploring paint and colour mixing.

### Understanding the World

As part of this area of development, we will be looking at what makes us special and the differences we notice. We will be leaning about different parts of the body and how they work. We will also be thinking about our family unit and how they can be different. Can I ask that you send in a picture or photo of the people that live in your house, along with a baby picture of your child, this will help them to notice differences and to put on our lovely display board.

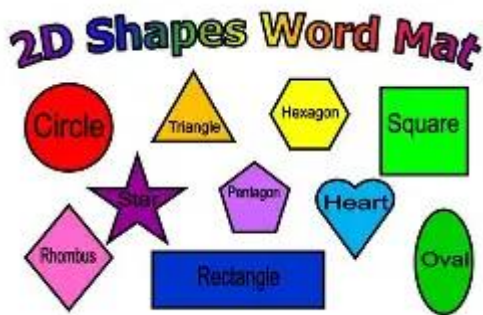
Please feel free to email me the pictures and I can print it off in school.

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### Mathematics

The children will be learning how to count reciting numbers past 5, singing number rhymes such as 1,2,3,4,5 once i caught a fish alive and five speckled frogs. The children will also be talking about and exploring 2D shapes (for example, circles, rectangles, triangles, square)



### Forest School

Forest school will commence week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> September this will be on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure that the children come with suitable clothing and Wellies.

School will provide an all-in-one waterproof when applicable.



## Physical Development

The children will be supported to explore and use the outdoor equipment during this term. This includes the use of the 'speedy playground' and small gym learning them to use the balance bikes, balancing, climbing and taking risks.

PE will take place on Friday afternoon, please ensure your child comes dressed in either Black leggings/joggers/shorts (depending on weather) and black pumps or trainers.



Keep looking at our page on the website for information and activities – let me know if there is anything else that you think would be useful to add! <http://www.stsimonandstjude.leics.sch.uk/>

Also, keep an eye on SSSJ twitter (X) feed: @SSSJ\_RISE  
#SSSJ to follow all the latest updates  
and sharing of successes.