

Welcome to Ants class

'Working together and helping each other learn'

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*'Do unto others as
you would have them
do to you'*

(Luke 6:31)

Dear Parents.

I hope you have all had a lovely time over the summer and I am sure you are now ready to start the new school year, so welcome to Ants class!

It was lovely meeting some of you at the 'Play and Stay' sessions. I am looking forward to getting to know you and working together with yourselves and our year one parents so that we have a very exciting and productive year.



What to bring when.....

Please make sure your child has their book bag every day.

PE - Tuesday and Friday

Monday - Library books

Thursday - sound and word books

Friday - Active play bags

Daily - Reading Books

Patterns

Our topic this term is '**Patterns**'. Patterns are all around us through colour, number, shapes, stories and even animals skins which help them camouflage. We will be exploring pattern throughout our creative curriculum.

English

We will be exploring various stories which have repeating text and rhyme. The children will be creating their own versions of the stories and using computing to create colourful books.

Reception children will be learning a new set of sounds.

We would appreciate it if children could practise these at home and look for the sounds in the children's library and reading books. Should you need help recognising what sound each diagraph or phoneme makes please look on :-<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-site/expert-help/phonics-made-easy> (say the sound)

Reminders

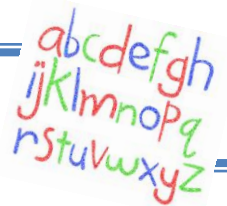
Water Bottles

Please bring in a named water bottle, with a sports cap which can be taken home each day, washed and refilled. The children have access to these at all times and are also reminded regularly to have a drink.

Reading Books We will be continuing to encourage all of the children to improve their reading skills during their individual and group reading sessions. I would appreciate your support by reading with your child at least three times a week at home. It really makes a huge difference to their progress and confidence.

Clothing

Please ensure all clothing is named to help us return them to the correct child each day.



Transition

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from their previous Nursery as they settle into St Michaels. The children will gradually be introduced into a structured routine focusing on the seven areas of learning.

