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Friday, 15th September 2026

Dear parents and carers,

We've had such a busy and exciting week - it's hard to believe this was only our first full week of school! The children are settling in beautifully, getting to know one another, exploring their new environments and making lots of new friends.



This week, we have been learning that God made each of us special. We even received a mysterious gift - it was a gift from God! Inside the box was a mirror and the children could not believe their eyes (and ears) when they realised that *they* are the gift! We followed this by painting self-portraits, looking closely at all our features. Isn't it amazing that we are all so different yet all so special and loved!

Click here to watch this week's learning video!





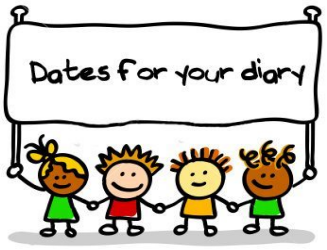








Dates for Your Diary:



- **Monday, 28th September - Mufti Day and St Vincent's Day Celebrations**
- **Monday, 28th September - Please return WOW Books and Learning Journals**
- **Monday, 28th September - Please send in a family photo.**

Soon, we will be learning about the Holy Family: Mary, Joseph and Jesus. To help us celebrate families of all shapes and sizes, please send a family photo into school with your child. The photo will be glued into your child's RE book, so please send a photo that you are happy to be glued in and no bigger than A5.

If you prefer, you can email your photo to us & we will print it for you:
svucic@stvps.co.uk
wszczepaniak@stvps.co.uk

- **Monday, 28th September - Mighty Me!**

We have loved learning all about your amazing children as they begin their school journey with us. We would love to find out more about what makes your child special and what is important to them.



Please can you bring a box to school filled with some items that are special to your child. Your child will share their 'treasure box' with the class and tell us all about the special treasures inside. You might like to include a family photo or a special toy - about 3-5 items would be perfect! (Top tip: a shoe box is perfect!)

Please send these boxes into school on **Monday, 28th September**. We will keep them in school all week so make sure you/your child are happy to leave those special treasures with us for that amount of time. Why not encourage your child to decorate their special box with colours they love?

Parent Curriculum Meeting

Thank you for joining us for our Curriculum Meeting on Tuesday. For those of you who could not attend, you can find the slides in the Parent Information section of our website. Please do take a minute to familiarise yourself with the information provided, especially the **homework** and **screen use** slides. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's class teacher.



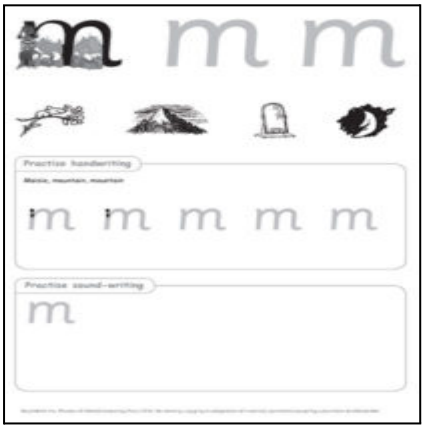
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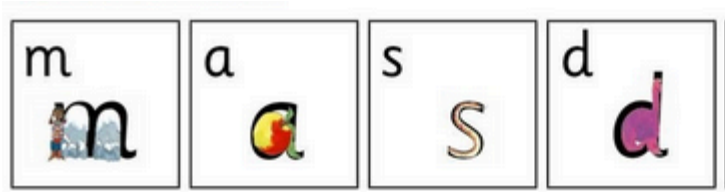
This week, your children began their reading journey! We met ***Fred the frog****. Fred can only speak in pure sounds. We have been playing Fred Games and helping him blend the sounds together to make words! Ask your child to show you how Fred speaks!*

At St Vincent's, we follow ***Read, Write, Inc****. You can find out more about how we teach each sound, and provide extra practice for your children by visiting our* ***EYFS Phonics website****, which provides a fun video for every sound. Watch along with your child and allow them to introduce you to Fred :)*

Phonics Website

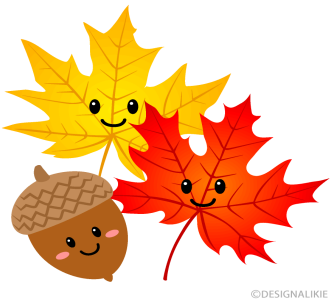


This week, we learnt these sounds:



You will be able to practise these sounds from ***Wednesday****, when the children receive their reading folders for the very first time! Please remember to* ***write a quick comment in their Reading Record*** *to let us know how they are getting on at home. You do not have to return the sound sheets back to us. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please drop us an email or pop over to catch us at drop-off or pick-up!*

Autumn Treasures



If you're planning an autumn walk over the weekend, Reception would love it if you could collect some autumn treasures to share with the class. Colourful leaves, conkers, acorns, pinecones or anything else that catches your eye would be wonderful. We can't wait to explore and use these special finds in our learning next week!

Class Reps

We would like to thank Venetia (Rocco's Mum) and Kancha (Anais' Mum) for taking on the joint role of Class Reps for Reception this year.

Just a reminder that Whatsapp Groups operate independently from school. However, they are a great way to share school related reminders and tips. Please see here for our Whatsapp Group Guidelines

What to Bring When

Monday	Reading Folder, WOW Book (stays in school until Friday)
Tuesday	PE Day, Reading Folder (gets collected in)
Wednesday	(Reading Folder goes home)
Thursday	Reading Folder
Friday	Reading Folder, (WOW Book goes home)

Please ensure Word Walls remain in the Reading Folders :)

Communication

Our school has an open door policy and we will try to answer your queries at the door. However, if this is not possible then please feel free to contact us via our school email and we will endeavour to respond within the hours of 8am - 5pm, Monday - Friday.

Rainbow Class: svucic@stvps.co.uk

Sunshine Class: wszczepaniak@stvps.co.uk

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing the children back on Monday!
Mrs Hoogwerf, Mrs Vucic, Miss Szczepaniak,
Miss Ela, Miss Nonna and Miss Smart

