



At St John's we believe that every child has potential to reach academic age-related expectations and leave school at the end of Y6 with the skills and attitudes they need for the next stage in their journey. Every child is unique and there are times when some children require a bit of extra support either emotionally, socially or academically. Below you will find details of the extra support we offer. These are all short interventions and are a normal part of life at school. We do not always contact parents when children are receiving these interventions as there are so many and remain fluid to meet the needs of the individuals. If however, after a short intervention we feel that more support is required we will then contact you to discuss further. Any questions, please contact Mrs Campbell about the pastoral offers and class teachers about the academic offers

Academic Offer

Phonics

Small group work for children needing extra phonic support.

Reading

Extra reading either in small groups or individually for those children not yet reading at age related expectations.

Maths

Small group work to support children learn basic number facts-additive and multiplicative.

Fine Motor

Small group work for children who need support to develop their fine motor skills to aid their handwriting development.

Communication and Language

One to one or group work to support children's language and communication skills.

Pastoral Offer

Volcano in my Tummy – Anger is not a bad emotion! No emotions are bad but this well-respected group programme helps children learn how to deal with their anger in a more positive way.

Wellbeing Warriors - In these group sessions, children learn about the 5 Ways to Wellbeing - Connect, Keep Learning, Take Notice, Be Active and Give to Others. We do a variety of fun activities which show how these 5 ways can improve mental health and wellbeing. The sessions aim to develop self-esteem, confidence and resilience.

Muddy Buddies (KS1) and Buzzin' Bees (KS2) - Taking part in nature-based activities and getting outside has been proven to release feel good chemicals in our brains and improve wellbeing. In these groups, we get outside as much as possible and do planting, bark rubbing and make art from nature. Other activities have included making ice sun-catchers, clay modelling, scavenger hunts and making bird feeders. The activities are based on the seasons and the sky's the limit!

#TeamTortoise - Our tortoise, Shelley, has his own team who take responsibility for feeding, bathing and playing with him. He's the St John's pampered pet!

Lego Club – A lunchtime club for fans of the plastic bricks.

One to One Sessions - An opportunity to spend time in Calm Quarters with Mrs Campbell. These sessions are planned for each child but most include some element of emotional literacy and how to handle the big feelings such as worry and anger. Some pupils may also learn some CBT techniques to help them cope with low mood and/ or anxiety. Children also get the chance to enjoy playing games, Lego, sand tray, reading stories together, playing football and doing craft activities.