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# Welcome to St James!

Autumn 1

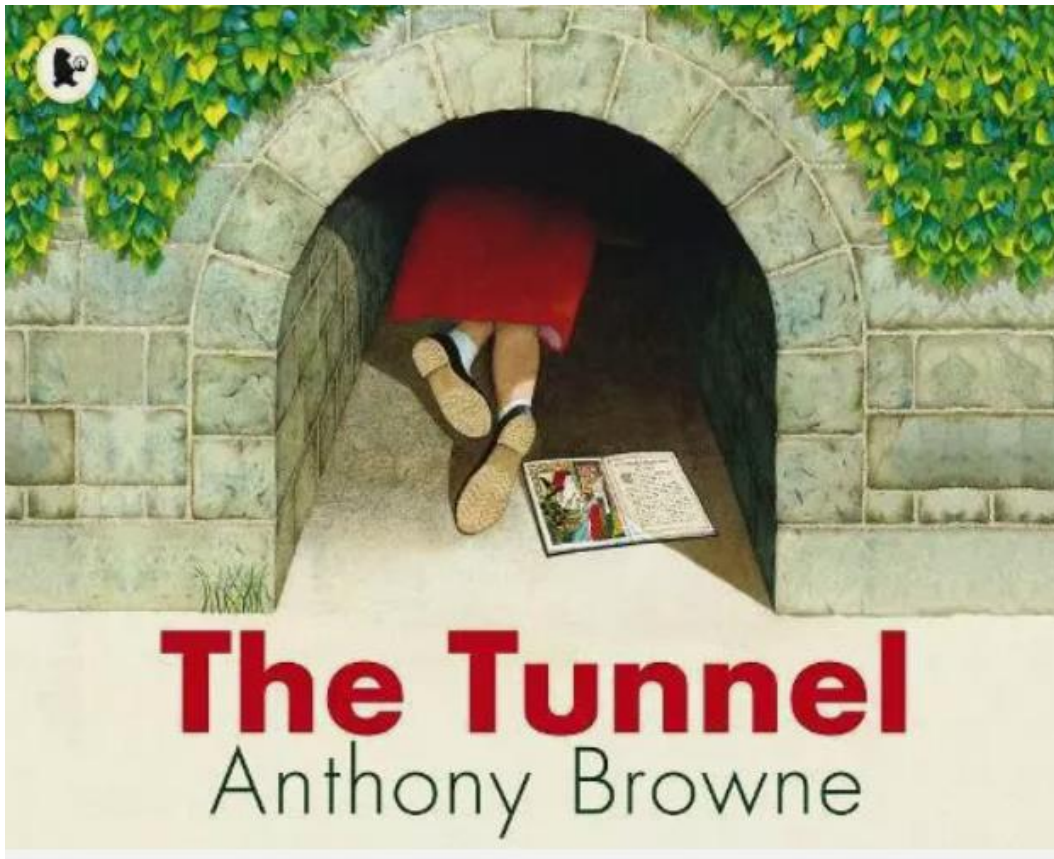
Welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic break and made lots of memories! We are super excited to begin this term. Miss Stancer, Mrs Stukins and I will be in class daily; however, Mrs Osbourne will cover my PPA time on Tuesday covering GPS, Maths and Phonics.

## Topic

This term in St. James, we're delving into the theme 'Marvellous Me'. Our focus will be on understanding how our bodies work, how we are similar and different from others, and celebrating this!

## Reading and Literacy

We will still be having a 'book of the week/month' which will be a fantastic opportunity to encourage reading and the love of books with the children. We will be looking at 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne. We will be looking at different English language types used within the book and what the words mean.



Over the term, we will explore narrative writing, newspaper reports, poems and non-chronological reports. Please ensure that your child reads at home every night and record this in their reading records. Year 3 children will take AR tests weekly after reading their book. The books will be changed by Friday, so please ensure they are brought to school daily. The Year 2 children will continue with

their phonics reading practice sessions, and books will be sent home each week and returned to school the following week. Spellings will be sent home on a Friday with homework and spelling tests on a Friday morning.

### Maths

In maths, we will focus on Place value and of how digits in a number hold different places and values. We will be exploring the wonders of ones, tens, hundreds, and beyond to develop a firm grasp of how numbers work and relate to each other.

### Science

St James' class is about to dive into the wonderful world of animals, including humans. We're going to explore the senses and how they work. From how we hear all those awesome sounds to making sense of light and dark with our sight.

### PE

In P.E. this term, we will have PE on a Wednesday and Thursday, JB Sports will be for all children on **Thursday** afternoon. Please ensure your child comes to school with their PE kit on those days if they are not keeping them in school, although we encourage PE kits to be left in school. Please also ensure your child does not wear earrings and that long hair is tied up on PE days.

### Homework

Your child will receive one piece of English and maths homework each week. Please return their files by Thursday for marking. Sunday will be checked weekly. The children are tested on their spelling on a Friday morning.

It will be an exciting and busy term; I cannot wait!

Many Thanks,

St James' team 😊

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