

Reception Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our final term in Reception. I hope you and your families had a fun filled Easter break and had a chance to relax and refresh. We are very excited to begin our new term in Reception as we have lots of interesting and engaging activities planned. This newsletter will keep you informed about what will be happening over the course of the term and detail our learning for the rest of the year.

R.E

In our RE topic this term we will be exploring what happens in a church and why this is a special place to Christians. We will begin by looking at what special places we have in our lives and why they are special to us. We will then look at the inside of a church and explore what symbols can be found inside and discuss their special meanings. We will then investigate what happens in a church and how they can make people feel.



Communication, Language and Literacy

This term the children will be focussing on vocabulary and applying new learnt vocabulary into their everyday language. They will begin to invent and create their own stories by acting these out using simple props and articulating their ideas. We will look more closely into the use of capital letters and full stops and begin to apply this within our writing. The children will have numerous opportunities to write for different purposes including fact files, letters and postcards.



Mathematics

This half term the children will begin to look at numerical patterns and learn to verbally count forwards and backward to 20. Children will also explore the counting pattern and verbally count beyond 20. The numerical patterns we will explore include, identifying odd and even numbers and recognising doubles and halves. We will also begin to problem solve with number by learning maths stories and beginning to represent numbers in different ways.

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Understanding of the World

This half term we will be exploring and comparing animals from around the world. Children will explore where animals get their food from and be introduced to the term carnivore and herbivore. They will also explore different animal groups such as mammals, reptiles and birds and group them based on their features. The children will also be exploring maps and globes and discussing what they represent.



PE

We will be having PE on a Monday afternoon and Friday morning this term. Please make sure that your child comes into school on this day wearing their complete PE Kit. May I please remind you that our PE kit consists of a plain navy blue sweatshirt / jogging bottoms and a plain white t-shirt and should be worn on PE days only. This term we will be focussing on team games where the children will apply their skills to game situations.



Topic

Our topics this term are 'Animal Safari' and 'On the Beach'. During our first topic the children will learn about different animals that live around the world, how to look after them and the importance of caring for our local and global environments. Our 'On the Beach' project teaches children about the plants and animals that live at the seaside. It also explores holidays in the past and the importance of keeping safe in the sun. The children will begin to make comparisons between their local environment and contrasting environments to explore the different living things and wildlife within these environments.



Homework

Every Friday your child will be sent home with a new reading book and it is important that your child is heard read at least 3 times a week. Reading books and reading records must be returned to school every Thursday, with the reading record signed by an adult. In addition to their home reading books, children will continue to have a St. Paul's Reading Spine book to enjoy as a family. These books will continue to be changed every fortnight and the specific return dates can be found in the reading spine bags. We kindly ask that you take some time to complete the reading journal that accompanies the spine book to show what your child enjoyed. Numbots is also a priority for your child and it has been great to see children progressing through the levels. Your support with your child's homework is invaluable and will have an extremely positive impact on your child's progress, we thank you for your support with this.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that children should come to school everyday in full school uniform and any form of jewellery is not allowed, if ears are pierced then only small studs should be worn. If you have any problems or concerns and wish to speak to me, please email the school office or arrange a telephone appointment.

Class teacher: Miss Tart LSP: Mrs Barker

