RECEPTION SUMMER 2 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2021

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"Happy together in God's family, we love, grow and learn."

Important Days

Monday Return reading books <u>Tuesday</u> PE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after half term, I can't believe the children are going into our final term in Reception but as always it will be a busy one. We have 'Health week' coming up including sports day.

<u>Year 1</u>: This half term we will be getting the children ready for the transition into Year 1 with regular visits, stories and moving up mornings.

<u>Warmer weather</u>: Please make sure that your child brings in a water bottle, sun hat and that you apply sun cream before school.

<u>Health Week:</u> This is going to be a fun week with lots planned, throughout the week the children should wear suitable sports clothes and trainers.

<u>Sports Day:</u> Reception and KS1 sports day starts at 2pm, and we are very excited that this will be the first event that you will be able to watch live. Please be mindful that we will still need to keep a safe distance due to Covid-19. I will be talking to the children and explaining that they will be able to wave to you all, but mummy's or daddy's have to stay on their own sides. Please can I ask that you talk about this at home as well, thank you.

<u>Tapestry / Twitter / Website:</u> Thank you to everyone that added to your child's account during the May holidays. At St Mary's we use Twitter and post pictures of activities on the school website under Reception class page.

I am supported by Mrs Caldwell every Monday, Tuesday and Mrs Quinn on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Thank you for your continued support, Miss Roberts (Class teacher)

Important Dates

W/b 14.6.21 Food bank appeal for SVP

W/b 14.6.21 Health week – children to come in sports clothes all week

25.6.21 2.00pm Reception and Key Stage 1 Sports Day

29.6.21 @ 11.00am Whole school Mass led by Y6

1.7.21 Mini Vinnie and School Council cake sale for CAFOD

9.7.21 Reports to parents9.7.21 Moving up morning9.7.21 Catch up classes end

12.7.21 Mary's Meals Mug appeal closes

13.7.21 Moving up morning

19.7.21 @ 9.15-10.15 Meet the new teacher moving up session

20.7.21 @ 2.00pm Y6 Leavers' Mass in church

21.7.21@12.30pm Reception and KS1 disco (come to school in party clothes)

23.7.21 @9.30am Whole School

23.7.21 School closes

Phonics and Literacy

We have covered all phase 2 and phase 3 sounds so we will be recapping and reviewing sounds through reading, written work and games. The children will continue to work more independently with their writing.

We will continue to work on pencil grip, letter formation within the pre-cursive script, sitting letters on the line, finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. As well as applying their phonic knowledge to support them with blending in their reading and segmenting during writing. We will also be focusing on reading and writing tricky words as well as high frequency words.

The main focus this half term is encouraging the children to use their own phonic knowledge within their writing and working independently ready for Year 1.

Physical Development

We will continue to work on our fine motor skills through play and focused activities to help us with our writing and accurate cutting skills. In literacy and maths, we are focusing on making our handwriting smaller and getting letters and numbers to sit on the line.

In PE we are synergising as a team and getting ready for sports day!

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This half term, the children will be learning about the Church. The children will begin to understand that we call the Church, the family of God. They will learn that a church building is a holy place where we can all pray and are welcome. The children will learn that Jesus is present in a special way in the Blessed Sacrament and he invites us to be with him. They will learn to be thankful that lots of people help to look after the church and know why Sunday is a special day.



Topic: Under the sea

This half term we will be looking at the topic of 'under the sea'. We will find out about different sea creatures and whether they live in warm or cold-water seas.

We will learn who lives in rock pools and then make our own rock pools outside to then play in. We will also discover how crabs change their shells as they grow and all about the job that sea anemone do.

We have lots of book to read, discuss and write about.

Mathematics

In number this half term we will be continuing to work on the correct number formation from 0-9. We will be covering adding and subtracting, doubling, halving, sharing and problem solving, grouping. Counting on and back from a given number up to 20.

We will be continuing to make sure we have a secure knowledge of number bonds of 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. As well as odd & even numbers, multiples of 2s and 10s and the place value of teen numbers i.e. 1 ten and 7 ones makes 17.

In space, shape and measure the children will be focusing on time by ordering familiar events and learning o'clock in time as well as shapes, weight, capacity, length, money.

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Each week in circle time we will discuss the class virtues, of respect, determination, patience, kindness and friendship. We will also be continuing to use the language that goes with the 7 Habits 'Leader in me'. This all ties into the school's ethos and Christian beliefs as well as the EYFS curriculum of making relationships, self-confidence and self-awareness and managing feelings and behaviour.