

YEAR R SPRING 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2022



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we love, grow and learn."

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas break, I hope you have all had a wonderful time with family and friends.

Thank you for all the wonderful space rockets/planets that you made at home they look wonderful in our space station.

Gymnastics Day: On Wednesday 12th January, school is having a gymnastics day with Mrs Pounder, please come in your PE kits, this week only, on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday will be school uniform.

Stay and Play: Wednesday 16th February is our next class stay and play, between 2-3pm. We will follow the same format as last time, so only one adult per child should attend due to space.

Class Mass: We are having a joint class Mass with Year 3 on 28th of January, this is in the school hall @11am.

Tapestry/Twitter/Website: Thank you to everyone that added to your child's account during the last half term and over the festive period; it was lovely to see and share what the children had been up to with the rest of the class as well. At St Mary's we use Twitter and the school's website (Reception class page) to keep parents involved in activities.

I am supported by Mrs Quinn and Miss Emma.

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

Important Days

Monday

Return reading books

Tuesday & Thursday

PE kits

Important Dates

11.1.2022 –
Gymnastics in
school – wear PE
kits

28.1.2022 -
@11.00am
Reception and Year
3 class Mass*

16.2.2022 -@2.00 –
3.00pm Reception
Stay and Play*

17.2.2021 -
@9.15am
Reception and Year
6 assembly*

18.2.2022 -Finish for
half term

Phonics and Literacy

This half term in phonics we will be continuing with phase 3 sounds and focusing on digraphs and building on our knowledge of graphemes already learnt. We will continue working on reading CVC, CVVC and CCVC words and developing our knowledge of sight-reading high frequency words to increase our reading fluency.

Within Literacy we will be starting a new format that follows the rest of the school; (Philip Webb) this involves 3 stages 1. Prediction, 2. Understanding, 3. Writing. This is to increase the children's knowledge of the structure of stories and develop their writing skills. We will also be reading space poems and using fact books.

We will continue to work on pencil grip, writing their names, letter formation and using their phonic knowledge to support them when segmenting and writing words.

Physical Development

We will continue to have PE on a Tuesday and Thursday. The topic is gymnastics. We will be looking for skills to be able to respond to different stimuli, explore movements, and improve coordination, balance and timing.

We will continue to work on our fine motor skills through play and focused activities to help us with our writing and cutting skills.

RE

This half term, the topic is; Getting to know Jesus. Children will be given opportunities to become aware that Jesus has a great love for each one of us and will think of ways in which we can show our love for Jesus. They will hear that Jesus cured people who were sick and think of ways we can show our love for sick people. We will also be looking at John Paul II's virtues and specifically focusing on forgiveness.

The Foundation Stage

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Mathematics

This term we will continue learning numbers 7-10, so the children have a comprehensive understanding of each number. Looking at 1 more, 1 less, sequencing, number patterns / bonds, addition and subtraction. Using 10 frames, part-part whole model and number sentences.

In space, shape and measure we will be working on length, weight and capacity. We will revisit 2d shapes and 3d shapes talking about their properties. We will be talking about spatial awareness and positional language looking for shapes in the environment and going on treasure hunts.

PSED

Each week in circle time we will discuss either the school's weekly virtue, a topical issue or something that has happened during the week, which will develop the children's knowledge of how to handle different situations. We will continue using the language from the 'Leader In Me' and linking it into knowledge gained in RE, the virtues and school life.

Topic: Space/Winter

This half term we are focusing on winter and space and other planets. The role play area will turn into a spaceship to help the children promote language and communication, friendship and sharing.

We will be carrying out different investigations which will support their skills to problem solve and their knowledge of understanding the world around them.