

RECEPTION - SUMMER 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2021

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter and caught up with family and friends. We are also looking forward to setting up and learning in our new outdoor space.

Catch-up sessions: Our catch-up sessions start the first week back after the holidays. The focus is on phonics, blending and segmenting to support reading and writing. Depending on your child's day these will be from 8.30-8.50am. If your child goes to club on that day please can you ask if they can bring your child down to class as I won't be able to collect them, due to being in the classroom with the other children, thank you.

Warmer weather: Fingers crossed the warmer weather continues, please can you ensure your child has a named water bottle, a sunhat that can be left at school and fits into their trays. On sunny days, please apply sun cream before school, a high factor once a day cream is a good way of ensuring, they are protected all day as we will not be able to apply.

Purple Mash: I will be sending home your child's Purple Mash personal login this half term; it has lots of fun varied games and educational resources for your child to access.

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

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

As always, thank you for your continued support, Miss Roberts

Important Dates

27.4.21 – Parent's evening @4- 6.30pm
parent cloud

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3.5.2021 – Bank holiday
school closed

7.5.21 - NSPCC Number Day

13.5.21 - Whole school Mass @9.30 led by Y5 - Zoom

14.5.21 - Bring a flower for Mary

20.5.21 - Reception class assembly @9.30 – Zoom

Wc 24.5.21- STEM Week

24.5.21 - Pentecost picnic

27.5.21 – School closes

28.5.21 – Training day

Phonics and Literacy

We have covered all phase 2 and phase 3 sounds so we will be recapping and reviewing phonemes & graphemes, looking at the position and pattern of them within words i.e. at the beginning, middle, end of a word to support reading and writing.

We will be continuing with the sequence of 'predicting, understanding and writing' to support the children's grasp of texts & stories.

We will be building on the children's phonic knowledge so words are phonetically spelt and sight learning 'tricky words'. The children will start to work more independently and in groups to start to prepare them for Y1 and we will use fact and fiction texts, as well as different styles of writing i.e. lists, story writing, speech bubbles, instruction writing etc.

We will continue to work on corresponding letter names and sounds, to support tricky words and HFW.

Physical Development

In PE we will be revisiting ball skills with the added element this time of incorporating & practicing bat and ball skills, to promote hand-eye coordination, as well as partners & teamwork.

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

RE

This half term, the children will be learning about "New Life", which fits in wonderfully with Spring. The children will begin to understand that Jesus rose from the dead, so we can experience the Easter joy. They will learn about the Ascension of Jesus going back to his father in Heaven. Throughout the month of May, we will be learning the 'Hail Mary' as well as the 'Lord's Prayer'.

The Foundation Stage



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Topic: Minibeasts

As part of our minibeast topic we will be looking at the life cycle of a caterpillar and watching, as they grow from eggs into butterflies and then releasing them into our new herb garden. We will be collecting and making wormerys and looking at how they live in the different layers of soil.

The children will continue to plant different flowers and seeds and watch the life cycles of growth and learn how to look after and care for them. This will also link into our RE topic of New Life.

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. We will also look at counting on and back from a given number up to 20 and start to look at teen numbers, using the correct vocabulary when using place value within teen and larger numbers. We will also be looking at odd & even numbers and counting in 2s and how this links into doubling.

In space, shape and measure, the children will be focusing on time by ordering familiar events, 2d & 3d shapes, weight, capacity, length and height and money.

PSED

The children are working really hard to get their photo on the 'Valued Virtues' board. We have 5 gnomes called, Respectful Robin, Determined Dennis, Patient Peter, Kind Katie & Friendly Felicity. To get on the board, they have to be spotted doing one of the above virtues by staff or another child. This all ties into the school's ethos as well as the EYFS curriculum of making relationships, self-confidence and self-awareness and managing feelings and behaviour.