

# RECEPTION - SUMMER 2

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2023

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



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 and an end of term trip.

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

Warmer weather: Fingers crossed that the warmer weather arrives and stays, if it does, please can you make sure that your child brings in a named water bottle, sun hat that can stay in school and that ***you apply sun cream before school.***

Health Week: This is going to be a fun week with lots planned throughout the week, the children wear suitable home sports clothes and trainers (Monday-Thursday) and school **PE kits on Friday** for sports day.

Sports Day: Reception sports day starts at 9.15am, and we are very excited for this. Parents will be on one side of the track and the children on the other, I will be talking to the children and explaining that they will be able to wave to you all, but mummy or daddy will stay on their own side. Please can I ask that you talk about this at home as well, thank you.

Tapestry / Twitter: Thank you to everyone that added to your child's account during the half term holidays

Park trip: We are hopefully going to the park on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June. We will leave at 10.30ish and be back at 2pm, the children will need a packed lunch. I will provide more details near the time as it will be weather dependent.

**Thank you for your continued support, Miss A Roberts.**

### Important Days

Monday

Return reading books

Tuesday & Thursday

PE

### Important Dates

16.6.23 – Uniform sale

W/b 19.6.23 – Health week

23.6.23 - 9.15am  
Reception Sports Day\*

26.6.23 – School trip

29.6.23 - 9.30am  
Whole school Mass

7.7.23 - 2.30pm  
Summer fundraiser\*

12 & 13.7.23 - Moving up morning

14.7.23 - Reports to parents

17.7.23 - 9.15am  
Meet the new class teacher\*

19.7.23 – Disco (home clothes)

21.7.23 - 9.30am  
Whole school Mass\*

21.7.23 – School closes for summer.

## Phonics and Literacy

We have covered all level 1+, 2 and 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 so they are ready for Year 1.

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. They will also be applying their phonic knowledge to support them with blending in their reading and segmenting during writing. We will be focusing on reading and writing tricky words as well as high frequency words.

The main focus this half term is making the children 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 handwriting smaller and getting letters and numbers to sit on the line.

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

## RE

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 and it is God's house. 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.

## The Foundation Stage



## Summer Term 2



## 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, 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. The children will continue to subitise objects quickly then know the composition of the group.

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

## 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. Discover how crabs change their shells as they grow and all about the job that Sea anemone do.

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

## PSED

Each week in circle time we discuss the class virtues of respect, determination, patience, kindness and friendship and the whole school focused virtues which are courage and wisdom this half term. This all ties into the school's ethos and Christian beliefs as well as the EYFS curriculum of building relationships, managing-self, self-regulation and managing behaviour.