

Reception Newsletter

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Welcome to our Reception class! I hope that you had a super Summer and are looking forward to the exciting year ahead full of lots of fun and learning. The Reception staff are excited to get to know you all.

Our Learning Journey

This half-term our topic is "All About Me". We will be linking our learning to this topic across all areas of the curriculum. The children will take part in structured phonics activities and will begin to work on their reading skills through "Read, Write, Inc.". We will also work on our letter formation and name writing skills. In maths we will continue to count and match numerals as well as deepening our understanding of matching, sorting and comparing. Through Collective Worship and prayer, pupils will discuss their faith and learn about their place in God's World. The children will also take part in circle time activities where they will learn to show good listening and work on social skills, such as turn taking and asking questions. These circle times encourage the children to reflect and share their ideas to support their physical and mental wellbeing.

Reception Staff

The staff in Reception are:

Mrs Osborne - Reception Teacher

Miss Hammill- Teaching Assistant

Mrs Smith- Teaching Assistant

Ms Lloyd – Reception Teacher (Friday afternoons)

Tapestry

All Reception pupils will have a personal on-line learning journal which records photos, observations and comments, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage. If you have consented to us using Tapestry for your child, school has set up an account and you should have received an email from tapestry (check your junk mail). Please click on the link and set your own password. Your secure login will enable you to view your child's learning journey. Please feel free to add photographs, videos and notes of your child's experiences at home. If you have any issues with Tapestry, please contact Mrs Osborne through the Reception page on our school website.

How can you help at home?

- Literacy – Talk about your child's day; model language; sing nursery rhymes; read stories and discuss character and plot; and identify initial sounds.
- Maths – Go on a number hunt in your local area; look for patterns; talk about days of the week and months; identify important times in the day.

Thank you for your patience and support and we look forward to an exciting half term!

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

RE Newsletter

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to the new academic year; albeit a strange beginning, we are very ready to embrace school life and continue as smoothly as possible. Below you will find information about what your children will be learning about in their Religious Education this half term.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

3rd September	St Gregory the Great	4 th Oct	St Francis
4 th September	St Cuthbert	6 th Oct	CAFOD Fast Day
8 th September	Our Lady's Birthday	9 th Oct	Blessed J H Newman
14 th September	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	10 th Oct	St Paulinus
21 st September	St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	12 th Oct	St Wilfrid Diocesan Patron
24 th September	Our Lady of Walsingham	13 th Oct	St Edward the Confessor
27 th September	St Vincent de Paul	15 th Oct	St Teresa of Avila
29 th September	Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	17 th Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch
1 st October	St Therese of Lisieux	18 th Oct	St Luke, Evangelist
2 nd October	Guardian Angels	26 th Oct	Ss Chad & Cedd

Reception -God's World

"Creation is the first and universal revelation of God's love"

Religious Education Curriculum Directory

This half term, the children in the Reception class will be learning about God's world. Throughout this topic, the children will begin to appreciate the beauty of the world and know that God made it.



They will learn that God loves and cares for each one of us and reflect on this. They will hear about and respond to the things God created for us.

They will know that God has asked us to care for the world and think of ways in which we can help to do it.

At home

You could help your children by:

- looking at pictures of animals and plants and talking about how special creation is
- encourage them to notice different parts of God's wonderful creation and think of ways to care for the world.
- look at the trees during the autumn season and talk about the different colours. You could collect leaves to make a collage or painting.