



# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School



## Reception Newsletter – Autumn 2

### Topic

Our topic this half term is space. We have begun this half term covering a week of bonfire activities and looking at safety. The children will look at the following books, How to catch a star, Whatever Next and Aliens Love Panta Claus. We will also look at many non-fiction texts about planets, space, vehicles and astronauts. The topic will have an Understanding of the World (Science) focus and will encourage children to ask questions and find out the answers. Towards the end of the half term our topic will change to Christmas, where the children will prepare some Christmas songs to perform at the end of term.

### Home and school links

We hope you're enjoying viewing your child's learning journey online. If anyone is having difficulty logging on or if you've still not returned your tapestry form, then please see Mrs Hough so we can ensure you have access. Can we please encourage you to use Tapestry as a two-way link, so we can see the learning your child does at home? Please upload any photos or videos of home learning.

### Reminders

PE day is on Tuesday, please can we ask all parents to follow our school uniform policy and this includes your child's PE kit. On Tuesday your child will need to come to school in a plain white tshirt, a plain navy blue **OR** black zipped jacket, navy blue **OR** black jogging bottoms and black trainers.

Due to the change in weather, can we please ask that you provide your child with a NAMED coat and you might wish to provide them with named gloves and a hat.

Last half term we had a Spiderman bag go missing, we believe it had some shoes inside. Can we please ask everyone to keep a look out incase it turns up.

### How you can help at home

#### Phonics

- Talk to your child to help them increase their vocabulary.
- Read a bedtime story every night, ask questions about the pictures, ask your child to predict the ending of the story.
- Work on active listening skills- this could be done by reading a story and then asking questions to check they've listened and understood.
- Retell familiar stories together (traditional stories)
- Practise writing their name and the lower-case letters of the alphabet.
- We teach phonics using a scheme called Read Write Inc. You can find about more information about RWI and how we teach the letter sounds by visiting the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

#### Maths

- Look for numerals everywhere, order numerals and match the correct amount of objects.
- Focus on learning the value of numbers 1-5, look at one more than a given number, look at the different ways you can make 3, 4, 5, eg:  $2+2=4$  or  $1+3=4$ .
- Add and subtract objects 1-5.
- Find shapes in the environment eg. windows (squares and rectangles) and wheels (circles)

Thank you for your support and we look forward to an exciting half term and dare we mention, the build up to Christmas.

Kind Regards

Mrs Hough