



St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School



Reception Newsletter – Spring 1

Topic

Our topic this half term is winter. The children will discuss seasonal changes and they will read non-fiction books which will encourage them to ask questions and find out the answers. Our focusing books are 'The Gruffalo' and 'The Gruffalo's Child'. Using the two books mentioned above, the children will take part in role play activities, and they'll re-tell the stories verbally using story pictures and actions. Towards the end of the half term, we look at animals that hibernate during winter.

Home and school links

Many thanks for supporting your child at home with their home learning book, home learning is a review of what has been taught in school throughout the week. This helps your child to build on prior knowledge and embed learning. We hope you're enjoying viewing your child's learning journey online. 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 any learning at home.

What your child will learn at school this half term

- Children are in phonics groups which are set to match their level of ability. When your child's phonics group is ready to read books, you'll be informed and they'll start to bring books home to read. The books sent home will have been read throughout the week and all the sounds will have been introduced. This allows you to ask questions about the story and develop your child's fluency.
- This half term children will learn how to write simple captions.
- In maths we will look at the composition of numbers to 10. We will learn 3D shape names and compare objects by height.
- In PE children will learn how to move safely around the hall and how to work in both teams and individually when playing games.
- In Religious Education we will discuss how our faith helps us grow in friendship with Jesus.

How you can help at home

<p><u>Phonics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help your child to practise writing their name and the lower-case letters of the alphabet. • We teach phonics using a scheme called Read Write Inc (RWI). 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 • Use the RWI letter rhymes at the back of your child's home learning book to support them with their letter formation. • Begin reading three letter words. • Play Fred talk games with your child, please visit the link below to find out more https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEzfpod5w_Q 	<p><u>Maths</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on learning the value of numbers 1-10. • Look at the different ways you can make 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 eg: 2+2=4 or 1+3=4. • Match numerals 1-10 to their quantities. • Discuss the difference between 2D and 3D shapes. Can you find any? • Use a range of vocabulary to compare height.
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Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to an exciting half term.

Kind Regards

Mrs Hough

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Be the light to those around you!

Dear Parents,

4th Jan – 18th Feb 2022

We begin this term full of the joy of the Christmas season which ends for us at the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on 9th January. On the 2nd February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) when Jesus is recognised as 'The Light of the World'. We must also remember that each one of us is called to be a 'light', an inspiration to those around us.



In this issue of the newsletter you will find what your child is learning about in RE. We hope you find this newsletter of interest and as always, please keep us in your prayers as we continue to support your children in their religious education.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

6 th January	The Epiphany of the Lord	28 th January	St. Thomas Aquinas
9 th January	The Baptism of the Lord	31 st January	St. John Bosco
12 th January	St. Aelred of Rievaulx	2 nd February	Presentation of the Lord
17 th January	St. Anthony (desert Father)	3 rd February	St. Blaise
24 th January	St Francis de Sales	8 th February	St Josephine Bakhita
25 th January	Conversion of St. Paul	11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes
26 th January	Ss Timothy and Titus		

During the winter of Ordinary Time, i.e. up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.**

Reception - Getting to know Jesus

This half term, children in Reception will be getting to know Jesus. Throughout the unit, the 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.

At home

You could help your children by:

- saying or sharing prayers together
- talk about people who help us e.g. nurses, doctors
- talk about how we can help others
- giving them jobs which help at home.

