



EYFS Reception NEWSLETTER – Autumn 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Reception! I hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing Summer break. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead full of fantastic learning opportunities.

Naming clothing

Please can we ask that all children's clothing have their name written on. This is because the children are unsure of their belongings, and it prevents items getting lost.

PE

PE days are on **Thursday**, please ensure children arrive at school wearing the correct PE kit: white t-shirt, black shorts and a plain black tracksuit. Trainers or pumps must be worn.

Important Diary Dates

- Thursday 5th and 26th October, children visit the story bus.
- Friday 27st October school closes for half term

Reception staff:

Miss Lloyd - Reception Teacher
Miss Ahern - SEN Assistant
Mrs Ali - Learning Support Assistant

Our Learning:

This half-term our topic is 'All about me' and we will be linking our learning to this across all subjects. After spending time settling in, we will be reading a variety of books, such as Sharing a Shell, Mr Big by Ed Vere, Dogger and The Tiger who came to tea. The children will take part in structured phonics lessons where they will be taught the letter sounds of the alphabet. At school we use a scheme called Read Write Inc (RWI) to teach phonics. We will send you a link via text message so you can find out more about RWI. The children will work on developing their handwriting skills and a letter formation sheet will come home every Friday for them to practise.

In maths this half term the children will begin learning how to subitise different amounts 1-5. Subitising is when you recognise how many objects are in a group without counting them. The children will partake in mindfulness circle time activities. These circle times encourage the children to reflect and share their ideas to support their physical and mental wellbeing.

How you can help at home:

Early Reading/ Phonics and writing:

- Talk to your child to help them increase their vocabulary.
- Work on active listening skills- this could be done by reading a story and then asking questions to check they've listened and understood.
- Practise writing their name and the lower-case letters of the alphabet.

Maths

- Look for numerals everywhere, order numerals and match the correct amount of objects.
- Subitise different amounts 1-5.
- Teach your child to recognise different number patterns eg: 3 is the same as *** and ///.

Restorative Practice

For effective teaching and learning to take place, we believe that good relationships need to underpin everything that happens at St Francis of Assisi Primary School. Starting this year, we will be striving to ensure our practice is that of a restorative school.

The aim of restorative practices is to develop, build and repair relationships, as well as manage conflict and tensions between people and communities.

It is a process that puts repairing harm done to relationships and people over and above assigning blame and dispensing punishment. It shifts the emphasis from managing behaviours to focussing on building, nurturing and repairing relationships.

School Golden Rules

1. **Respect**
2. **Listen**
3. **Try your best**
4. **Be positive**



RE Newsletter 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year. Below you will find information about what your children will be learning in their Religious Education this half term.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

4 th September	St Cuthbert	2 nd October	Guardian Angels
8 th September	Our Lady's Birthday	4 th October	St Francis of Assisi
15 th September	Our Lady of Sorrows	7 th October	Our Lady of the Rosary
21 st September	St Matthew, Apostle	9 th October	St John Henry Newman
27 th September	St Vincent de Paul	10 th October	St. Paulinus
29 th September	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels	12 th October	St Wilfrid, patron of the diocese
30 th September	St Jerome	13 th October	St. Edward the Confessor
		18 th October	St Luke, evangelist

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 Nursery and the Reception classes 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.

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