



EYFS Reception NEWSLETTER – Spring 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back after the Christmas break, I hope you have had a peaceful and enjoyable time with your family.

Topic

Our topic this half term is 'People who help us'. We will learn about real life superheroes - people in our community and what they do, for example police, fire officers, dentist doctors etc. Our focusing books are Juniper Jupiter, Superbat, My Mum a Superhero and George Saves the World by Lunchtime.

As we are in the season of winter, we will be exploring and discussing seasonal changes, the children will read non-fiction books which will encourage them to ask questions and find out the answers. Using the 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.

Naming clothing

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

Important Diary Dates

- Culture Day, children wear their traditional clothes, further information to come and date TBC
- Friday 9th February School closes for half term

Reminders PE day is on **Thursday**, please can we ask all parents to follow our school uniform policy and this includes your child's PE kit. On Thursday your child will need to come to school in a plain white t-shirt, a plain navy blue OR black zipped jacket, navy blue OR black jogging bottoms and black trainers.

Many thanks for supporting your child at home with their learning. Children will continue to bring home learning, this 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.

How you can help at home:

Phonics

All children are making great progress in their phonics. They will all be bringing a reading book or a short story home, weekly. The books/ stories 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 understanding and fluency in reading.

Writing

Children have now been taught all the lower-case letter sounds and how to form them correctly, and we will continue to practise these, daily. This half term, children will start to learn how to write simple sentences.

How you can help at home:

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In Religious Education we will discuss how our faith helps us grow in friendship with Jesus. We will learn that Jesus choose friends to help him and that Jesus love us all.

Maths

We will look at the composition of numbers to 10. We will compare objects by mass, height and capacity.

PE

Children will learn how to move safely with control around the hall and how to show respectful behaviour in both teams and individual games.

How to help your child at home

• 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

Maths • 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.

Thank you, Miss Lloyd (Rec Class Teacher)

School Golden Rules

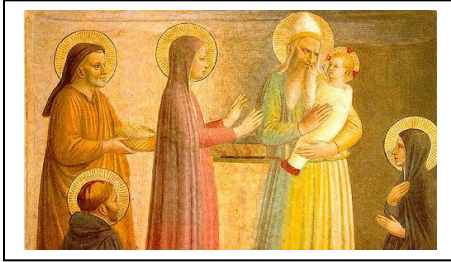
1. Be ready
2. Be safe
3. Be respectful

Be the light to those around you!

Dear Parents,

4th Jan – 10th Feb 2023

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 8th 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 each year group. 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.

6 th January	The Epiphany of the Lord	28 th January	St. Thomas Aquinas
8 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
	Conversion of St. Paul	11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes
26 th January	Ss Timothy and Titus		25 th January

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.**

Nursery – The Holy Family

This half term, children in Nursery will be learning about the early life of Jesus with Mary and Joseph – the Holy Family. They will hear and reflect on the stories of the Presentation of Jesus and the time when Jesus was found in the Temple.

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



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