



EYFS Reception NEWSLETTER – Summer 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break, I hope you had a prayerful and rested week.

Topic

Our topic this half term is 'How does your garden grow?' We will plant seeds and bulbs and learn how to care for them. The children will learn the names of the different parts of a plant. The children will roleplay working in a garden centre and selling flowers. Our focusing books are *The Extraordinary Gardener*, non-fiction *Seed to Plant* and poetry *It Starts with a Seed*. The children will re-tell the stories verbally using story pictures and actions.

Please can I ask especially now (hopefully) the weather is getting warmer that all children bring a water bottle daily.

We aim to change books every Friday however please bring books bags to school every day.

Important Diary Dates

- Monday 8th April – chicks arrive at school
- Thursday 25th April – Eureka visit
- Monday 6st May – Bank Holiday
- Friday 24th May – May procession, school closes for 2 weeks

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. You should have access now to Development Map and you should be able to see you child's gallery and progress. If you have any issues please let me know.

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We will learn about new life and look at how we experience Easter joy because Jesus has Risen.

Phonics

Children are progressing well and will be placed into new WRI groups based on their ability.

This half term our main focus is to write sentences with tricky words included, words such as no, go, I, to and the, and the connectives and, but and because.

Maths

We will continue to subitise up to ten as well as looking at numbers 11-20, counting patterns beyond 10 and spatial reasoning example match, rotate, manipulate.

PE children will learn to:

Push - Take part in sending and receiving activities Send/direct an object back and forth continuously/or towards a target Use the correct amount of force when pushing

Kick Track and move with a moving ball/rebound using feet only Move in a range of directions to manipulate/steer/direct + and trap Kick/trap continuously using both feet

Throw - Use varying sizes & types of balls/implements Perform a range of actions to send i.e. two hands/roll/over/underarm m/overhead/slide/bowl Aim for targets of varying sizes set at various heights/distances

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 questions at the back of your child's home reading book to support them with their comprehension of the story.
- 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 11- 20. • Begin adding and subtracting using higher amounts 11-20. • Match numerals 11-20 to their quantities. • Revisit money, adding 1p and 2p coins to make a total.

School Golden Rules

1. Ready
2. Respectful
3. Safe



St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary

SUMMER TERM 1

Dear Parents,

The Church is celebrating the great feast of Easter – Jesus risen from the dead. This celebration goes on until the solemnity of Pentecost (Sunday 19th May), the birthday of the Church. At Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who empowers and enables us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. During this term the Church dedicates the month of May to Mary, Jesus’ mother.

We hope, as always, you find this newsletter interesting and informative. Please keep us in your prayers as we keep you in our prayers, especially at this time.

Prayer Cycle of the Church for Eastertide: *New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work, The Right Use of the Media, The Church*

Dates from the Church’s calendar:

25 th April	St. Mark, Evangelist
23 th April	St. George, Patron of England
29 th April	St. Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe
3 rd May	Ss Philip and James, Apostles
4 th May	English Martyrs
14 th May	St. Matthias, Apostle
25 th May	St. Bede, Doctor of the Church
26 th May	Ascension Thursday
27 th May	St Augustine of Canterbury
30 th May	Yorkshire Martyrs
31 st May	The Visitation of Mary
5 th June	Pentecost Sunday

Nursery and Reception – New Life

“Jesus’ life, death and resurrection are the central event of all human history and at the heart of faith”

Religious Education Curriculum Directory

This half term, the children in the Nursery and the Reception classes will be learning about new life. They will learn about the story of the empty tomb, and learn that Jesus appeared to his disciples. The children will begin to understand the special gift of joy and peace that Jesus gave to his friends (John 20: 19-21) and can give to us as well. They will hear the story of Jesus going back to his Father and learn that one day we shall hopefully go there too.

At home you could help your children by:

- planting an Easter garden
- looking for signs of new life
- practise the Sign of the Cross, ‘Our Father’ & ‘Hail Mary’
- encouraging them to write their own prayers



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