

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Foundation Stage – Spring term (2nd half)



Welcome to the Spring Term of 2022!

It was lovely to see the happy smiles of the children as they returned to school after the Half Term holiday. Our first week has been a busy one with pancakes, forest school and settling back into routines!

Next week we will be celebrating world book day – we will be reading lots of stories and sharing non-fiction books too. This love of reading will continue across the term and be the main driver for our **Literacy** learning. The children are becoming more confident writers which we will continue to build on this term.

Our **Understanding the World** learning where we continue to be scientists will look at seasonal changes through Winter and into Spring. As Spring arrives we will be keeping an eye out for signs of for 'new life' and looking at some animal life cycles. We already have some frog spawn in the classroom that we are watching to see what happens next! We will also be scientist looking at 'change.' As normal I will follow the children's interests and learning behaviours so keep an eye on Tapestry to see how our topic develops.

Look out for the **Little Wandle letters and sounds** information sheets which will show you which new graphemes and tricky words we will be learning. These will be weekly as part of the children's home learning.

In **Mathematics** we will continue to follow our Power Maths scheme where we will explore the following objectives - have a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number. Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 10. Automatically recall (without reference to rhymes, counting or other aids) number bonds up to 5 (including subtraction facts) and some number bonds to 10, including double facts. We will also explore some measure in the forms of length, height and weight.

For **Creative Development** we will be using different materials and media with which to explore colour, texture and design. As we celebrate Easter this will generate many craft activities. We will also be completing a unit of work around painting and mixed media.

Our **Funky Fingers** sessions will continue to develop our letter formation as well as the fine motor activities from tweezers to pegs and threading beads/cheerios onto different strings. 'Dough disco' will continue to be a regular feature in our learning!

For our Oaks we will be focussing on the correct formation for the robot arm letters (r,n,m,b,h,k) and then the curly caterpillar letters (c,o,a,d,g,s,e)

P.E will now take place on a Tuesday with Mark from Premier Sports – Therefore the children will now need to wear their P.E kit on a Tuesday instead.

Our topics for **Religious Education** will be finishing off our topic of 'Together (Eucharist)' and then move onto Giving (Lent/Easter)

Oak Class -			
Subject	Set on Tapestry	Due in	Frequency
Oak Class home learning	Friday	Wednesday	Weekly
Reading 	<p>Your child will continue to receive their ebook and pleasure books- Practise really does make progress! See the yellow reading book for more information. Please ensure you write in the yellow reading book to let me know how your child is getting on at home.</p> <p>Get them writing! Encourage your child to write independently using their growing phonic skills. They could write shopping lists, cards, post-its, notes, messages, letters, little books and postcards – anything at all. It's all great practise.</p>		

Reminders:

<p>School lunch</p> <p>PLEASE</p>  <p>NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS</p>	<p>Oak children are entitled to a free school lunch every day. Thank you for selecting your menu choices already. You can send a packed lunch if you prefer. For Acorn children a school lunch can be ordered daily at a cost of £2.35 Please complete a menu choice form available and pay on ParentPay.</p> <p>We promote healthy eating at school and so lunch boxes should not contain more than one chocolate snack and one packet of crisps.</p> <p>Children are welcome to bring fresh fruit or vegetables for a snack at break time. We are a nut free school. We have children with potentially fatal nut allergies in school, therefore no food containing nuts may be sent into school.</p>
Drinks	Your child must have a named water bottle in school every day. Please only send in water, no juice or fizzy is allowed.
Uniform	<p>Now that the uniform has been through the wash a few times please ensure labels are still securely attached or that the pen can still be read easily.</p> <p>Grey trousers or shorts, grey skirt or pinafore dress, white or grey socks, grey tights, white polo shirt, green logo school sweatshirt or cardigan. Warm weather option – green and white gingham dress (dress with shorts instead of skirt is acceptable)</p> <p>Hair past shoulder length must be tied back – please use plain hairbands in green, black or white, not brightly coloured bows.</p> <p>Nail varnish is not allowed.</p> <p>School shoes must be black (no heels, trainers or boots.)</p>
PE kit	<p>Green t-shirt with school logo, black shorts, jogging bottoms and trainers. School jumpers to be worn over P.E kits please. Earrings must be removed or covered with tape for PE lessons. Watches must be removed for PE. PE kit should be worn to school on a Tuesday</p>
Bags	<p>Reception, Yr 1 and 2 children must have a book bag in school every day. This is so that the children can change their reading for pleasure book. Children can have a bag or rucksack in school but please avoid the large bulky ones as many rucksacks take up a lot of room!</p>
Mornings	<p>Our Foundation Stage doors are open from 8:50am. Please pass on any quick messages then, for a longer meeting please make an appointment. Children and parents arriving after 9am will be asked to sign in at the office. We are very impressed with how independent the children have been this term with sorting their belongings. Thank you for your help with ensuring their snack and bottles are easily accessible and supporting them with putting on their own coats and shoes.</p>
After school	<p>Acorn (Nursery) children finish at 3:15pm and Oak (Reception) children finish at 3.30pm. If someone other than yourself is collecting your child please ensure the office has their details. We will not let them leave unless we are sure they are safe.</p>
Contact details	<p>Please ensure you contact details and those of other people who may collect your child are always kept up to date. Please see the office asap if you change your phone number or address.</p>

We recognise the importance of passing information between parents and school so please remember our door is always open and you can come and talk to us if you have any questions and concerns.

Yours sincerely,
The Foundation Stage Team