

Welcome back to another exciting term about to take place in Reception. Firstly, we hope you had a wonderful and restful break. The Reception team is thrilled to welcome you all back as we continue on our learning journey.



Our topic for this term is 'Celebration'. Within this topic we are thinking about celebrations that happen within our community as well as the Church. Next week the children will be thinking about celebrations that are important to them and sharing this with their peers.

Communication, Language and Literacy



The children are in for a massive treat next week as they will be visited by a host of animals to help immerse their themselves in the 'Dear Zoo' topic book we have been focusing on. From this experience there will be a host of opportunities to dive into rich conversation as well as a lot of chances for writing with a focus on use of adjectives!

Home Learning: Share the story of Dear Zoo with your child- talk about the animals in from the story and reinforce the adjectives used to describe each one. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzI9IyeMWto>



The children have continued carried on with their phonics learning, investigating ai, ee, igh and oa. The children have shown a great level of ability in the sounds they have been learning and are blending with growing confidence. When at home please encourage children to explore their phonics by continuing to read their reading books but also taking time to write short sentences such as 'It is a cat'.

Home Learning: Reinforce the digraphs the children will be learning, find them in books that you read together. Here is a link to an Alpha Blocks episode to help your child with these sounds.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3HopSE8M5g>



In Maths, we have been exploring the numbers 1 through to 5 and the children have been learning to recognise the quantity of a numeral within their environment. This can be encouraged at home by exploring games using a dice. Next week the focus will be on learning about 1 more and 1 less within number 1-5. The children will be adding one more and taking one away from a set of objects.

Home Learning: Give your child a set of objects (cars, spoons, counters etc) and ask them to add one more, how many do they have now? Or ask them to take one away, how many do they have left?

Reminders

- **As the weather is getting colder we would suggest that the children wear hats and gloves especially for their outside learning**
- **We will be having a visit from Zoolab on Wednesday 17th January**
- **If your child goes to afterschool sports club can you please ensure that they bring their PE kit of tracksuit bottoms and trainers to change into for the club. Thank you.**

Have a lovely weekend from the Reception Team.

Hello, Reception families! Another exciting week has wrapped up at our school, filled with engaging activities and valuable learning experiences. Let's take a glimpse into what the children explored and accomplished in Religious Studies, Communication, Language and Literacy, Phonics, and Maths.



In Religious Studies, our young learners delved into the rich tapestry of church celebrations, focusing on weddings. The children not only expanded their vocabulary but also discussed the significant roles of those involved. Looking ahead, the upcoming week promises a shift towards personal reflections, as the children contemplate their favourite celebrations and the reasons behind them.

Communication, Language and Literacy



Our budding writers in Communication, Language, and Literacy continued their adventurous journey with 'Dear Zoo.' The challenge of crafting more complex sentences independently was met with enthusiasm, showcasing remarkable progress. A special visit from ZooLab heightened their understanding of the diverse animals inhabiting our planet, adding an exciting layer to their learning experiences.

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In our Phonics sessions, the focus was on mastering the sounds of 'oo,' 'ar,' and 'or.' Parents, your continued support in reading the assigned books at home will greatly reinforce these phonetic foundations.

Home Learning: Reinforce the digraphs the children will be learning, find them in books that you read together. Here is a link to a Little Wandle episode to help your child with these sounds. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XBk6i3QJA_A



In Maths, next week we will be focusing on capacity and the children will be exploring this in their immediate environment; to encourage this we suggest that you allow children, when the opportunity permits, to engage with measuring jugs, cups and bowls as these are some of the objects we will be using come next week.

Home Learning: Allow your child to explore capacity by engaging with measuring equipment!

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In Religious Studies, the children continued to focus on the religious celebration of marriage.

The children spoke about celebrations that were important to them, before looking closely at the features found within a Church too.

Communication, Language and Literacy



This week St Andrew's class explore the local Croydon library; this was a brilliant experience for the children to immerse themselves in local community. Next week St George will be visiting the library too; we would like to extend our thanks to you all for your support when organising and planning trips.

We have continued to work on Dear Zoo, writing more challenging and independent sentences.

Next week our focus switches to Chinese New Year where we will be learning the tale of 'The Great Race'.

Home Learning: To support your children at home we suggest that you continue to allow opportunities for the children to engage with the story of 'Dear Zoo' and encourage them to write short sentences about their favourite animals 'I like...'



In our Phonics sessions, the focus was on mastering the sounds 'ur' 'ow' 'oi' and 'ear'. Parents, your continued support in reading the assigned books at home will greatly reinforce these phonetic foundations. It is also important for children to engage with tricky words; our words this week were: was, you, they, into, my, by, and all.

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Next week we will be focusing on number, more specifically 6, 7 and 8.

Home Learning: Engage children with numberblock episodes focusing on 6, 7 and 8

Reminders

- Please check your child's bags as we have had a number of children misplace their hats, gloves and scarves!

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents/carers,

We hope this newsletter finds you well as we approach the end of another exciting term at St Mary's Infant School. Our little learners in St George and St Andrew class have been making remarkable progress, and we're delighted to share some highlights from their recent activities.

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Religious Education

In **Religious Studies**, the children were introduced to the Lord's prayer before learning 'The Presentation' story; the children then spent some time understanding the role of Simeon and Anna within the story. Each child showed brilliant recall when they were tasked with thinking about the emotions and thought processes of both characters.



Phonics

In **the world of phonics**, the children have dedicated their efforts to two important sounds - 'er' and 'air'. We've witnessed their enthusiasm as they practiced and applied these sounds in various contexts. Their hard work is truly commendable, and it's heartening to see their phonetic skills evolving.

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Literacy: Communication and Language

This week, our literacy focus has revolved around the vibrant celebration of Chinese New Year. The children have not only delved into the cultural significance of this festivity but have also impressed us with their ability to construct

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- A child in St Andrew is still missing a jumper; if by any chance any parents have received a wrong jumper please bring this back to class.