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RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

23rd February 2024



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to our weekly Reception Class Newsletter.

As we step into the second half of the spring term, we are excited to continue our journey together with renewed energy and enthusiasm, we are thrilled to have you all on board.

In the next few weeks we will ensure to provide you with insightful updates, engaging home learning activities as well as valuable resources for you to use alongside your children.



Religious Education

In **Religious Education**, our little ones have been diving into the wonderful concept of togetherness. They've explored the beauty of shared activities that bring joy and connection. From playing games to reading stories, our children have been discovering the magic of bonding with others.

Next week, we're excited to delve deeper into the theme of gathering and togetherness within the context of the church. Together we shall think deeply on the significance of community within the church. We shall explore questions relating to why we gather at church.



Phonics

In the world of **phonics**, our readers have been hard at work consolidating the sounds they've learned throughout the year. With a special focus on oral blending, they've been honing their skills in combining individual sounds to form words.

Next week, we'll continue to reinforce these essential phonetic skills while delving deeper into the world of oral blending.

Home Learning: To support your child we encourage you to engage in oral blending activities together. Choose a few simple words from their reading books or everyday objects around the house, and take turns sounding out the individual phonemes before blending them together to form the complete word. Here is a link to explain blending

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Literacy: Communication and Language

This week, our literacy young learners have been captivated by the enchanting story of Little Daisy. Through this tale, they have embarked on a journey through different genres of writing, from crafting short sentences to compiling imaginative lists. It has been lovely to see their hard work and creativity.

As we venture into next week, our focus will shift towards a closer examination of the characters within the story. Your children will have the opportunity to delve deeper into each of the characters as they write about their choices of food in the story.

Home Learning: We are incredibly proud of the progress your children have made in their independent writing and we look forward to continuing to nurture this. Encourage them to share their thoughts and ideas about the characters they encounter in stories read at home.



Maths

In Maths, our little ones had a blast comparing heights and lengths, discovering the concepts of tall and short. They've been busy with hands-on activities, sorting objects, and understanding the difference between taller and shorter.

Next week, get ready for a new adventure! We'll be diving into the world of time sequencing. Your child will learn about ordering events and understanding the sequence of time.

Home learning: To support your child's learning next week you could work with your child to sequence and order a timeline of their day.

Reminders

- **Parents evening will be taking place next week, please ensure that you have made an appointment with your child's class teacher. If you have forgotten your appointment time please come and see us to confirm it.**

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Dear parents/carers,

What a week it has been! Despite the rainy weather, the children have been buzzing with excitement and learning. They've been busy exploring, discovering, and making new connections..



Religious Education

In Religious Education, the children's curious minds delved deeper into the significance of gathering at church. They have been exploring the various reasons why people come together in this sacred space.

Next week, we'll be gearing up for our class liturgy, preparing our hearts and minds for a special moment of reflection and togetherness.



In the world of phonics, we have been revisiting and reinforcing phase 2 and 3. The children have been tasked with orally blending longer words as well as independently attempting to use longer words within their writing.

To further support your child's learning at home, we encourage you to engage in a phonics home learning task. This will help solidify their phonemic awareness and strengthen their reading skills.

Next week, we'll continue to reinforce these essential phonetic skills while delving deeper into the world of oral blending.

Home Learning: To support your child we encourage you to engage in oral blending activities together. You could do this by encouraging your child to take part in a 'phonics hunt' where they list and write down objects around the house before reading them back to you.

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Literacy: Communication and Language

This week, our storytelling adventures with "Little Daisy" continue to captivate the imaginations of our young learners. This week, we've been focusing on character choices and engaging in independent writing activities. To nurture this creativity at home, we have a literacy home learning task for you and your child to enjoy together.

As we venture into next week, we shall begin to look closely at traditional tales.

Home Learning: Create a character journal from the one of the characters of Little Daisy; can the children remember the characters and their specific food choices. They can draw the character, write the characters name and then the food they like.



Maths

In Maths, time and sequencing have been the stars of our Maths lessons. From understanding the concept of time to learning the days of the week with a catchy song starting on Monday, our little mathematicians have been on a journey of discovery.

Next week, our focus will be centred around the number 9!

Home learning: To support your child's learning from this week; you can add to their home learning from the previous week by creating a daily routine chart with pictures representing different activities throughout the day (eg. Waking up, breakfast, school and playtime) remind your child how on different days their routines will be different.

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Dear parents/carers,

As we enter the third week of the spring term, we're delighted to share the latest updates from Reception! We hope this newsletter finds you well and that you had a wonderful Mother's Day celebration over the weekend. We want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the amazing mothers and caregivers for the love, care, and support you provide each and every day.



Religious Education

In **Religious Education**, our little ones in St. Andrews have been eagerly preparing for their upcoming class liturgy, focusing on the theme of gathering. We're thrilled to congratulate St. George class for leading a heart-warming liturgy last week. Their dedication and participation truly warmed our hearts. As we continue to explore the significance of gathering, we look forward to St. Andrews' liturgy in the weeks to come.



Phonics

In the world of **phonics**, we've continued our journey through sounds and blending. The children have been revisiting and reviewing previously learned sounds, building upon their phonemic awareness. They're becoming more confident in blending increasingly harder words and applying their knowledge of tricky words in their reading and writing.

Home Learning Task:

Create a simple phonics treasure hunt at home! Hide cards with different phonetic sounds or tricky words around the house. Encourage your child to find each card, say the sound or word aloud, and then use it in a sentence. This fun activity will reinforce their phonics skills in an interactive way.



Literacy: Communication and Language

In **Literacy**, our budding readers and writers have been busy honing their skills. We've embarked on an exciting journey with our focus book, "The Three Little Pigs." Through engaging discussions and activities, the children have been practicing their inference skills, exploring the front cover of the book, and delving into the world of



Maths

In **Maths**, our young learners have been immersed in the world of numbers. They've been diligently practicing recognizing numbers and honing their number formation skills. From counting objects to writing numbers independently, the children have been making great strides in their mathematical journey.

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storytelling. Their independent writing tasks have showcased their creativity and growing confidence in expressing their ideas.

Home Learning Task: Encourage your child to create their own storybook cover for "The Three Little Pigs." They can use their imagination to design a captivating illustration that reflects the story and its characters. Encourage them to share their artwork and discuss their choices with you.

Home Learning Task: Encourage your child to go on a number hunt around the house or during outdoor play. Ask them to find and identify different numbers on objects, such as door numbers, clocks, or items with numbers on them. They can write down the numbers they find or draw pictures of the objects.

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Dear parents/carers,

As we approach the halfway mark of the spring term, we're excited to share some highlights from our Reception classes. The children have been immersed in various activities and learning experiences, blossoming both academically and creatively. With just two weeks left before the half term break, let's take a moment to celebrate their achievements. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in their educational journey.



Religious Education

In Religious Education, both classes have recently completed their class liturgies, a significant milestone in their spiritual journey. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parents for your invaluable contributions to these meaningful events. It was also a joyous occasion to have Father Patrick join us, enriching our liturgies with his presence and wisdom.



Phonics

In the world of phonics, the children have been revisiting and reviewing previously learned Phase 2 and Phase 3 sounds, demonstrating remarkable progress in their pronunciation, blending, and segmenting skills. As part of their home learning, we encourage parents to continue practicing these phonemes with their children, reinforcing their confidence and fluency in reading and writing.

Home Learning Task:

Parents, please take some time to engage your child in reading and identifying Phase 2 and Phase 3 sounds in everyday objects around the house. Encourage them to blend these sounds together to form simple words and sentences.



Literacy: Communication and Language

In Literacy, the children embarked on an exciting adventure as they explored a crashed alien ship. Their vivid imaginations led to the creation of fantastic sentences, vividly describing their observations and emotions. Through this immersive experience, they've not only enhanced their writing skills but also nurtured their creativity and storytelling abilities.



Maths

In Maths, our focus has been on understanding number bonds of 10. The children have enthusiastically tackled this concept, demonstrating a solid grasp of fundamental mathematical principles. Through engaging activities and games, they've honed their numeracy skills and developed a deeper understanding of numerical relationships.

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Home Learning Task: Encourage your child to write a short story or draw a picture depicting their own imaginative adventure? Encourage them to use descriptive language to bring their story to life!

Home Learning Task: Parents, we invite you to explore number bonds of 10 with your child at home. You can use everyday objects like fruits or toys to illustrate different combinations that make up the number 10, fostering their mathematical understanding in a fun and interactive way.

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Dear parents/carers,

As we approach the penultimate week before Easter, we're excited to share some highlights from our classroom activities. Despite the anticipation of the holiday, our little learners have been busy exploring and learning each day. We hope you enjoy reading about their adventures!



Religious Education

In Religious Education, next week the children will be learning about the Easter story and its significance in the Christian faith. Through storytelling and interactive activities, they will be introduced to key events such as Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, and the crucifixion. We've been impressed by their curiosity and engagement with our new topic of gathering, and we look forward to continuing our exploration of Easter in the coming days. We wish you and your families a meaningful and blessed Easter season ahead.



Phonics

In the world of phonics, the children have been consolidating their understanding of letter sounds and blending words. They've been applying their phonics knowledge to read and write simple sentences, demonstrating growing confidence and fluency.

Home Learning Task:

Practice blending and segmenting words with your child using simple objects or picture cards.



Literacy: Communication and Language

In Literacy, next week our young learners will be honing their storytelling skills through imaginative play and creative expression. Inspired by the Easter story, they will be retelling the events of Jesus' resurrection using puppets, props, and artwork. It's been heart-warming to see their enthusiasm and creativity shine as they have enjoyed exploring traditional tales.

Home Learning Task: Read an Easter-themed story to each year group will be talking part in the Big Lent Walk to raise money for Cafod. All the money we raise will go to Cafod. This money in



Maths

In Maths, our young mathematicians have been exploring the world of 3D shapes. Through hands-on activities and games, they've been learning to identify and describe shapes such as cubes, spheres, and cylinders. We've been impressed by their ability to make connections between shapes and everyday objects, showing a keen eye for geometry.

Home Learning Task: Go on a shape hunt around your home or neighbourhood, identifying and naming 3D shapes.

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turn goes to help those people around the world who are less fortunate than us and for those who need our help. So please donate so we can show others what we are called to do - love and help our brothers and sister around the world.

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<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-catholic-infant-school-lent-walk-24>gether and discuss the characters and events.

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