

Reception Newsletter



Welcome to Reception Class at St Mary's RCPS School.

We are so pleased to welcome you and your child to our Reception class and we are really looking forward to getting to know you both over the coming weeks.

Welcome Meeting

We will be holding a welcome meeting on Wednesday 18th September at 2pm. This will be an opportunity for you to find out more details about our daily routines and how we teach phonics.

Our Curriculum and Topic

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We will be listening and talking about religious stories, particularly about Creation and the Nativity story. We will also visit the church and talk about religious signs and symbols with a special focus on Baptism.

Literacy

We will be encouraging the children to anticipate, where appropriate, the key events in stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems. During discussions about stories or during role play, we will encourage the children to use new vocabulary and express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs. The children will be learning to say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and to say a sound for combinations of letters as appropriate. The children will also read words by blending sounds together and writing recognisable letters.

Help at home: Could you practise the sounds learnt at school with your child and support them reading the word lists sent home. At present, we have invited your child to choose a book to borrow from our reading corner. They will have this for a week. Please share the book with them, encouraging them to talk about what has happened and predict what might happen next. In due course as your child become secure blending sounds together to read words, we will also be sending reading books home. When we send these home, please record which page your child has read to in their reading diary.

Numeracy

The children will be developing their understanding of numbers. They will be linking names of numbers to numerals and their value and position in the counting

Help at home: We will send home number cards to 20 to help your child recognise numbers, their value and the counting order. If you are able to do this, start with numbers to 3 until secure, then look at numbers to 5 then to 10, then to 15, then to 20.

A SHORT, HAPPY HOMEWORK TIME WILL HELP YOUR CHILD. IF YOUR CHILD IS TOO TIRED OR STRESSED, TRY DOING THE HOMEWORK ANOTHER TIME. Your child may be more willing to do homework if it is part of an established routine. Also take the opportunity to notice numbers all around us, e.g. on houses, car registration numbers, street signs. Encourage your child to read these numbers.

Topic

Until October half term we will be looking at a topic called **Me, Myself and I**. After half term we will be looking at topic called **Celebrations**. Throughout these topics we will be encouraging your child to make observations about animals and plants. Explaining why some things occur, and talk about changes. We will look at similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families. The children will be talking about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members. They will be learning about traditions and communities.

More Useful Information

Morning Routine

When your child comes into school, please encourage them to hang up their coat place their book bag in the correct box and then take their name and place it so that they can answer the question of the day. You will be aware that we are currently asking them to make their lunch choices. By the end of this week you should be able to make lunch choices online, so we hope to have other questions ready for them to answer.

Water Bottles

Please may I remind you that children should have water in their water bottles.

PE

PE will take place on Friday mornings. Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school on this day. Better still, they can keep it in school until half term.

Tapestry

As you maybe aware we are setting up a Tapestry account for you and your child. We are using Tapestry to record the activities which your child has undertaken. In order to activate the account you should receive an email.

Please check your Junk Mailbox as it sometimes appears there. Within the email there is an activation button. Please follow the instructions on the screen. If you have any queries, please ask.

Maths Café

We would like to invite you to a Maths Café on Wednesday 9th October at 2.15pm. This will be an opportunity for you to see how we use Maths in all areas of our curriculum.

Cooking Money

We intend to do some cooking with your children this term. We would be very grateful for a donation of £1.00 towards the cost of cooking ingredients for the term.

Clothing

Please make sure that your child's clothes has their name in. As you are aware they are all wearing the same uniform, so when they remove any items of clothing it is very easy for them to muddle them up, especially when we have PE.

Thank you for your support, and if you have any questions, please ask.

The Reception Team

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