

Welcome to Reception

St George & St Martin Catholic Academy

Part of the Newman Catholic Collegiate



Autumn Term
September 2023

Receptions Parents' Newsletter

Welcome to your child Reception year at St. George & St. Martin's Catholic Academy.

I am really looking forward to teaching your child and working with you again this year to provide the your child with a fantastic Reception Year.

All children have made a fantastic start to the year already, showing us that they are truly ready to learn and eager develop in their academic ability, I am very proud and happy at how much work they are all completing and if they are finding it challenging asking for help and still giving things a try. I couldn't ask for any more.

This termly newsletter will give you more information about what is going on in the classroom and what the children will be learning throughout the term.

Something new we have started last year and will continue, is a weekly parent letter. You will have already had your first weekly letter, this highlights more precisely what areas of learning we will be focusing on in the coming week and the theme of the week with additional things for you to do at home too.

Our topic this Term is 'My World and Beyond' which will be taught through our Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, including the following areas of learning: Religious Education; Communication and Language; Physical Development; Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Literacy; Mathematics; Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

Here are just some of the activities that the children will be involved in during this term. In some cases, the activities will be guided by the children's interests.

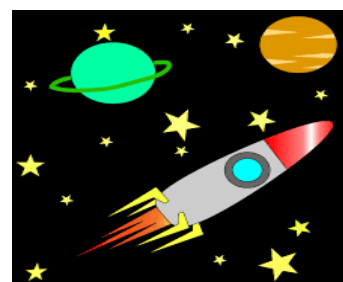
Days to remember:

Music and Movement on **Mondays** (no jewellery to be worn)

Music on a **Tuesday** PM with the new music Teacher Mrs Davies

PE on a Tuesday PM

(no Jewellery to be worn & PE kit in school please)



Communication & Literacy:

Learn new rhymes and poems Sequencing stories
Labelling
Begin to write captions using phonics to form sentences
Role play areas- Home corner
Weekly Speaking and listening activities
Phase 2 & 3 phonics

RE:

Creation
People who care for us
People who help us
Harvest
Baptism
Advent
Christmas

Expressive Arts and Design:

Artwork about ourselves and our families
Learning about our class artist 'Kandinsky'
Creation Collages
People who help us crafts
Junk modelling
Working with a variety of media and materials

RHE & PSE:

RHE-All about me
Learn about different occupations and ways of life
Discuss feelings, likes & dislikes.
Self hygiene & eating healthily
Character traits
TenTen: Handmade with love, I am me, Ready Teddy?

PD:

Weekly Music & Movement
Weekly PE
Health and Self hygiene Making: cards, food, dough, models of people
Developing fine & gross motor skills
Fine and Gross Motor

Understanding the World:

Our families and Bodies
Life cycles of an owl (Owl Babies)

Mathematics:

Matching and sorting with criteria
Comparing amounts
Comparing size, mass and capacity
Exploring pattern
Positional language
One more and one less
Shape

Power Maths.

Numbers to 5, comparing groups within 5, shape, changes within 5, number bonds to 5 and space

Discussing people who help us and their role in society
Healthy eating and food choices
Exploring the season of autumn
Exploring our local area and where we live. What is Stoke- on Trent famous for?
Special events and celebrations including Diwali and Bonfire Night
Exploring Space
Fortnightly careers
Our senses
All about our emotions and feelings

Staff in Nursery

Miss Arnold

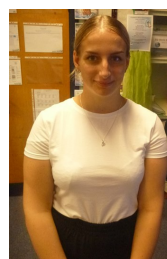
Class Teacher

Ms Pang

Teaching and learning Assistant

Miss Jones

Early Years Apprentice



What can you do at home?

- Encourage your child to join in with simple nursery rhymes and songs.
- Read books and visit the library together so the children will develop an interest in reading and develop good comprehension skills
- Where possible, encourage your child to sit at table and use a knife and fork. To aid the fine motor skills and running of lunchtime in school.
- Please read with your child at home, we ask that you help your child with their reading book at least 3 times a week and sign their reading diary with a comment each time.
- Encourage your child to practice writing their name (first and surname)
- Practise letter formation and build up to writing simple words e.g ccat, mat, pin,
- Talk to your child about their family, our local area, other countries and space to enrich our topic of 'My World and Beyond'.

Please don't forget that if you have any questions or concerns you are more than welcome to speak to me any time, just email or phone the school office

If you would like to talk to me in private, you are more than welcome to come into the classroom to discuss any matter arising

Just a reminder.....

- PE kit is a blue polo shirt, maroon shorts and black pumps, Children are now getting changed in school, so please have kits on peg ready.
- A spare change of clothes in school just in case we have any accidents or we play in the rain. All items of clothing to be labelled with children's names please.
- No jewellery to be worn on PE & music and movement days.
- Books to be kept in book bags on all days
- Pupils should only have water in their school water bottle

Thank you



Class Author

'Roger Hargreaves

We have been reading lots of books throughout the year by this author and completing activities linked to his stories. It would be great if you could share some of these stories together at home. You can find a lot of stories on You tube.

Roger's Stories are fabulous for children to talk about their feelings, please encourage your child to explore their emotions and feelings with you.

Our Class Saint: St Joseph

In Reception our class saint is St Joseph.



Online learning Resources

1. Tes website- search Jungle Powerpoints for Facts about Jungle animals/ phonics/ EYFS maths
2. Oxford Reading Owl- reading books
3. Twinkl- access to All areas of learning- powerpoints, worksheets, phonics, number games
4. Communication for all- number games
5. Phonics Play- phonics
6. Starfall- Phonics
7. White Rose- Numeracy
8. Google or You tube- craft ideas, stories, teaching videos, RE, songs
9. Ictgame website
10. Scavenger hunt ideas
11. Top Marks website
12. Cbeebies- BBC
13. Busy things- website
14. Phonics bloom- website



New School rules-No more Golden rules

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Our school rules follow Jesus's teachings:

'Love God above all else' and 'Love your neighbour as yourself'

This means that in our school:

- We respect God;
- We respect each other;
- We respect our own and others' property;
- We respect ourselves.

