

Summer Term
May 2025

St George & St Martin's
Catholic Primary School



Reception Parents' Newsletter

Summer Term in Reception

Welcome back from all the Reception staff. We hope you all had a fantastic, fun filled Easter and here's to a super summer term in Reception.

It is a new term and we are starting a new topic called 'All creatures great and small' which will be taught through Early Years Foundation Stage and the following areas of learning: Communication, language and literacy, Physical Development, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design. Here are some of the activities that the children will be doing in the next term.

Staff in Reception



Mrs
Tett
Class
teacher



Miss
Humphrey
Teaching
Assistant

Communication & Literacy

Dinosaur Dig role play area
Reading new stories, poems and non-fiction books about dinosaurs
Writing simple sentences
Labelling dinosaurs
Daily phonics sessions
Life cycles

Expressive Arts & Design

Learning new songs/ rhymes/ dances
Making dinosaur fossils
Dinosaur skeletons
Dinosaur handprints
And many more crafts including junk modelling
Creating lifecycles of insects

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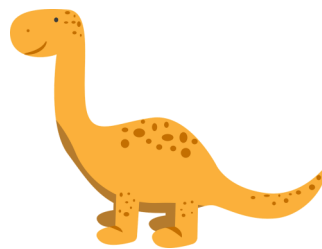
Easter,
Pentecost
People who help us
Prayer

Physical Development -

Develop motor skills to use a range of tools
Develop overall body strength
Combine different movements
Continue to develop hand-writing style

PSE/RHE

RHE- Being the best me that I can be
concept of personal strengths
Introduction of what a 'role model' is
Understanding how to try their best
Consider character traits that can help within the classroom and at home



Mathematics:

Learning number bonds to
Recognising and ordering numerals beyond 10
Learning doubles within numbers to 10, sharing and grouping
Learning even and odd numbers within numbers to 10
Comparing lengths and weights of different dinosaurs



Understanding the World:

Learn about the different types of dinosaurs that ruled the earth- names, walked, swan, flew
History of dinosaurs- look at dinosaur fossils
Create a dinosaur environment to show where dinosaurs lived and add volcanoes to explode with vinegar and baking soda
What dinosaurs eat- carnivores & herbivores
Explore, compare and contrast dinosaur habitats to our environment now
Learn about insects, how they grow and reproduce.

Class Author Reception's class author this year is Roger Hargreaves. It would be great if you could share some of these stories at home together.



What can you do at home?

- Encourage your child to observe what is going on around and talk about what they have seen, heard, environmental print etc.
- Read non fiction books together to discover contents page, index, titles and captions.
- Trips to the library to find non fiction books about dinosaurs.
- Look at numbers 1-20 together to encourage number recognition, forming and putting them into the correct order.
- Read Set words together to support word recognition .
- Practise reading books throughout the week together.
- Practise writing their surname

Useful websites and links:

Phonics Play—This is a great website to support children with their phonics knowledge. There are some free games that you can access at home.

Phonics bug- Two new books and activities are added each week linked to the learning in the classroom

It would be fantastic if you could send in...

Boxes we can use for making models- the children really enjoy this!



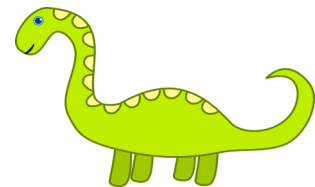
Days to remember:

- Music and movement on Monday (no jewellery to be worn)
- PE on a Wednesday (no jewellery to be worn)
- Reading books to be changed throughout the week, please keep books in bags.
- Set words books to be checked and updated on a Monday.

Just a reminder.....

- PE kit is a blue polo shirt, maroon shorts and black pumps, this can be kept on the children's pegs.
- All **items of clothing** to be labelled with children's names.
- 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



Diaries.

Please remember to sign your child's diary when you have read with them at home. The children enjoy sharing their books with us in the classroom and it helps us to know how they are doing at home. Support your children with recognition of Set Words which we go through each week in the classroom.