



Reception Parents' Newsletter

Welcome back to the start of a new year at St George & St Martin Catholic Academy. We are very much looking forward to teaching your children this year and this newsletter will give you more information about what is going on in the classroom and what the children will be learning.

Our topic is 'My World and Beyond' which will be taught through our Early Years Foundation Stage 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)

PE on **Tuesday** (no jewellery to be worn)



Communication & Literacy:

- Sequencing stories about different occupations
- Label workers by initial sound
- Begin to write captions using phonics to form sentences
- Role play areas

RE:

- Creation
- Special Celebrations-weddings
- Advent
- Christmas

Expressive Arts and Design:

- Creation Collages
- People who help us crafts
- Design uniforms for occupations
- Junk modelling
- Working with a variety of media and materials
- Space craft

PSE:

- Family holidays/ weekends (News)
- Learn about different occupations and ways of life
- Discuss feelings, likes & dislikes.
- Self hygiene & eating healthily



PD:

- Weekly Music & Movement
- Health and Self hygiene
- Making: cards, food, dough, paper mache, models of people
- Developing fine & gross motor skills
- Constant access to learning in the outdoor area

Staff in Reception

Mrs Dean-
Class
Teacher



Miss
Foulkes
Educational
Support



Mathematics:

- Learning to say new number rhymes
- Learning how to continue with a repeating pattern
- Number bonds to 5 (1+ 4=5, 2+3=5, 3+2=5)
- Adding and subtracting numbers
- Use 2D shapes to build bodies/people
- Learning the names of 3d shapes
- Measuring length, height, weight etc.

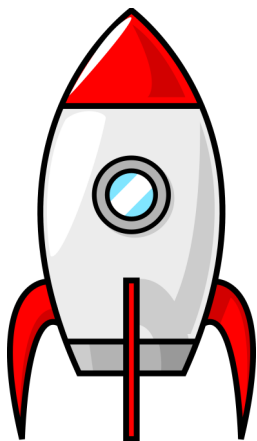
Understanding the World:

- Naming and labelling jobs and occupations, including understanding people who help us
- Healthy eating and food choices
- Understanding how the body works, healthy eating and exercise
- Use of ICT to draw themselves, create greetings and control simple robots
- Seasonal activities
- Life in Space- earth, sun, moon and planets



What can you do at home?.

- It is so important to read with your child at home, especially at this early stage of reading. 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 please.
- Encourage your child to practice writing their name (first and surname)
- Build up to writing simple words and captions eg cat, mat, pin, a cat on a mat, a pin on a map ect
- Talk to your child about their family, different occupations and healthy living to enrich our topic of 'My World and Beyond'
- Read books and visit the library together with your child to foster a love for reading
- Support your child to recognise numbers to 20 and encourage them to recognise the symbols for add and subtract



Class Author

Reception's class author this year is 'Giles Andreae' - we will be reading lots of books throughout the year by this author and completing activities linked to his stories and rhymes.

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

- * A bag that can be kept on your child's peg that contains a change of uniform, and spare socks/ tights and pants.
- * A rain coat and wellingtons that can be kept on your child's peg for rainy and windy days- children always have access to outside.

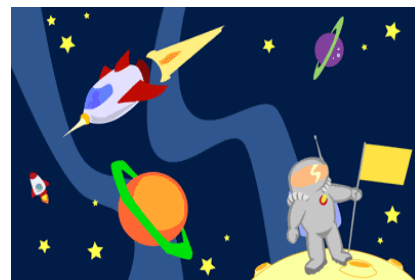
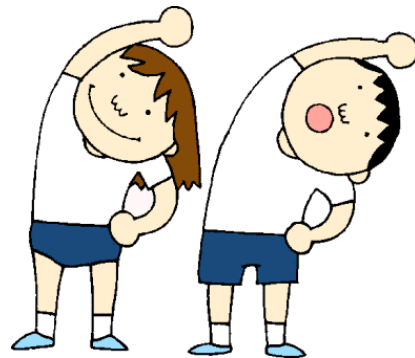
Thank you



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 please.
- No jewellery to be worn on PE & music and movement days.

Thank you



Wow Moments

It would be lovely to hear about your child's achievements at home. Please fill in a WOW Moment certificate and let us know what they have been up to.

A yellow certificate template with a black border. It features the word 'WOW!' in large, bold letters at the top. Below it, there are several horizontal lines for writing. At the bottom, there are fields for 'Date' and 'Signed'. The certificate is decorated with small stars.