



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)

Class Saint

In Reception our class Saint is St Joseph the Worker.



Feast Day- 1st May

Staff in Reception

Mrs Dean-
Class
Teacher



Miss
Foulkes
Classroom
Assistant



Communication & Literacy:

Learn new rhymes and poems
Sequencing stories
Labelling
Begin to write captions using phonics to form sentences
Role play areas- Home corner

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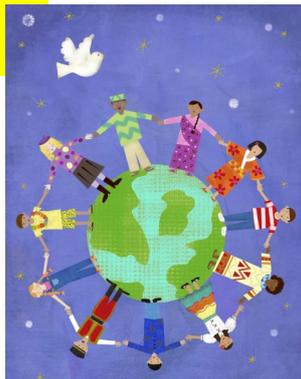
Creation
Special Celebrations-
weddings
Advent
Christmas

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 crafts

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

Mathematics:

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

Understanding the World:

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



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, our local area, other countries and space 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.



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.



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.

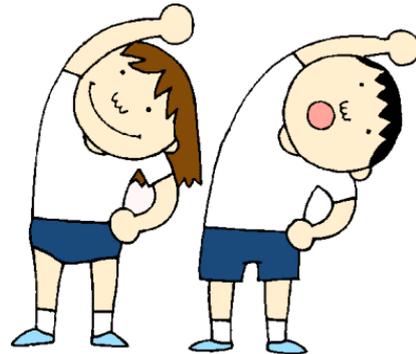
Thank you



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



Useful websites and links:

Phonics Play

This is a great website to support children with their phonics knowledge.



Phonics Play Comics

Phonics Play Comics is a great website for your child to continue to practise their reading.



Topmarks Maths

Top marks maths has a wide range of maths games to help your child develop their mathematical knowledge.

