

## Reception Newsletter Spring Term 2 2025

We hope you have all had a lovely half term break. We are now half way through the school year and have already seen some fabulous progress from the children.

This half term our topic will be 'People Who Help Us.' If you have an exciting job that you would like to talk to the children about, please let us know asap.

**Staffing Update:** Mrs Taylor (Teaching assistant) will be joining the Reception Team. She will be in class Mon-Fri each week.

Thank you for your continuous support.  
Reception Team

### English

This half-term we will be reading a variety of texts including The Runaway Pancake and Dogger. We will be encouraging the children to spell new words using their phase 3 phonics knowledge. We will be encouraging the children to use finger spaces between words when writing simple sentences.

**Phonics** - We will continue using the Essential Letters and Sounds programme for our daily phonics sessions. We will be focusing on recognising and writing Phase 3 sounds and tricky words. Tricky words are the words that cannot be sounded out e.g. the, my, I, was.

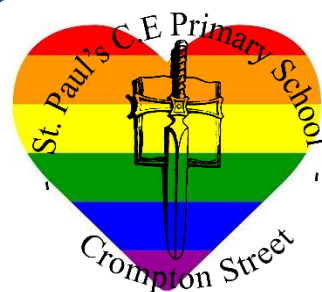
### Maths

This half-term, we'll be building confidence with numbers by counting beyond 10, both forwards and backwards, and practising counting on and back from different numbers. We'll be spotting missing numbers, exploring how numbers are made up to 8, and understanding 1 more and 1 less within 10. You can support your child at home by counting everyday objects together, playing number games, or even spotting numbers when out and about.

### P.E.

Reception will continue to have P.E. on a Wednesday afternoon with Ed Start.

All children are to come to school dressed in their PE kit on a Wednesday. This must be plain joggers, a plain hoodie or red school jumper/cardigan, red PE t-shirt and trainers. If you have any questions please ask.



### R.E.

This half-term, we will focus on the question: *Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden?* We will explore how the cross is an important symbol of love, hope, and new beginnings for Christians, reminding them of Jesus' sacrifice and the promise of life with God.

### Reading Books

Reading as regularly as possible to an adult can really help your child progress. We would like to see your child read a minimum of FIVE times a week. Once they have read to an adult, the adult should log this on Boom Reader. Reading books are changed every Monday as long as your child's reading has been logged on Boom Reader. Each week we give out Book Worm awards for children who have read 5 or more times in a week.



### Things to remember:

- Please name EVERYTHING!
- A water bottle (filled with water only please)
- Reading books everyday
- A small, healthy morning snack. (No Nuts or Citrus fruits) Please ensure grapes are sliced before sending them into school.

**REEL Education:** We have one more session with the Angling Trust. The children have been learning about the importance and values of our rivers, lakes and seas and developing an awareness of the sport of fishing.



### Understanding the World

This half-term our topic is 'people who help us.' We will be exploring different jobs and finding out about our local community. We will also be focusing on stranger danger and road safety. Thank you for all the lovely projects that have been sent in. They are now on display in the classroom.