

Reception Newsletter

Summer 1 2025

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Easter. This half term our topic is Minibeasts. Hopefully the sun will shine as we plan to spend lots of time outdoors exploring the school allotment and polytunnel.

Please note, this half term reading books will be changed on a **Tuesday**. The children will still have the books for one week.

If you have any questions you can always send us a message on Class Dojo.

Thank you for your continuous support.
Reception Team

English

This half-term we will be reading a variety of texts including Jack and the beanstalk, Superworm and The Teeny Weeny Tadpole. We will be encouraging the children to write simple sentences by themselves using finger spaces between each word and a full stop at the end.

Phonics - We will continue using the Essential Letters and Sounds programme for our daily phonics sessions. We will be revisiting the Phase 3 sounds and spelling tricky words from memory. Tricky words are the words that cannot be sounded out e.g. the, my, I, was, she. Phonics assessments are carried out each half term to monitor each child's progress.

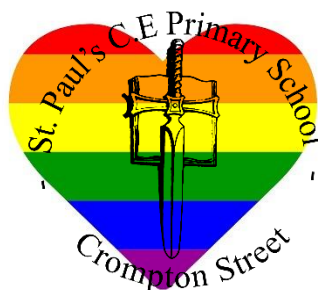
Maths

In Maths, we are going to focus on the number bonds of 5 and 10 and simple addition and subtraction within 1-10. We will verbally count beyond 20 and start to build numbers beyond 10.

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 be thinking about places that are special. The children will have the opportunity to talk about places that are special to them, giving reasons why. We will talk about things that are special and valued in the world, in churches, mosques and other special places.

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 Tuesday 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.

In guided reading, the children are working on their comprehension skills. Whilst reading in a small group, the children are encouraged to answer questions about what they have read.

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.

Understanding the World

This half-term our topic is 'Minibeasts.' We will be spending lots of time outdoors in the school polytunnel and on the school allotment where we will hunt for minibeasts and plant our own beanstalks. We will also explore the life cycle of a butterfly and a frog. Thank you for all the lovely projects that have been sent in.