

Reception Newsletter Spring Term 1 2024

Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break. This half term our topic will be based upon fairy tales. We will be planning a ball for Cinderella and Prince Charming and making castles in our role play area to keep the dragons away!

If you have any questions, you can always send us a message on Class Dojo. Please allow staff time to respond to any messages as it is not always possible to reply immediately.

Reception Team

English

This half-term we will be reading a variety of traditional tales and fairy tales including Cinderella and Goldilocks and the three bears. We will be encouraging the children to write simple captions using their cvc word and tricky word knowledge. We will be encouraging the children to use finger spaces between our words.

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. An overview of these sounds/rhymes will be sent home.

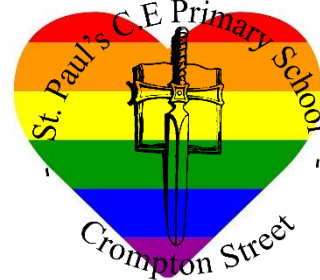
Maths

In Maths, we are going to start looking at finding numbers that are 1 more and less than numbers to 5. We will continue to look at the composition of numbers and begin to add and subtract numbers within 5. We are also continuing to look at lots of different ways of representing our numbers and exploring them in fun ways indoors and outdoors.

P.E.

Reception will have P.E. on a Wednesday afternoon. All children need to have a P.E. kit in school consisting of a red P.E. t-shirt, black shorts and pumps.

Please ensure everything is named as this is a huge help when your child is looking for their clothing.



R.E.

This half-term our topic will be about God and creation. We will be retelling the creation story. We will learn about why the word 'God' so important to Christians. We will talk about the wonders of the natural world and ways we can care for our world. We will be talking to the children about how we all have a part to play.

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 sign their reading record. Reading books are changed every Monday as long as your child's reading record has been signed. If a child reads 7 x per week on 3 occasions in a half term they receive a prize from the whole school reading box.

The children are enjoying taking part in their guided reading sessions. Guided reading is taught daily in a small group of 6. It gives the children an opportunity to read and discuss a simple text.

Things to remember:

- Please name EVERYTHING!
- A water bottle (filled with water only please)
- Reading books everyday
- A small, healthy morning snack (if desired)

Understanding the World

This half-term our topic is 'That's not my fairy tale!'. We will be exploring different materials for building castles, creating a new dress for Cinderella and exploring what life was like in the olden days. Please remember to send in your child's project so we can display it in class. The children love looking at each other's work.