

## Reception Newsletter Spring Term 2 2024

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.

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 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.

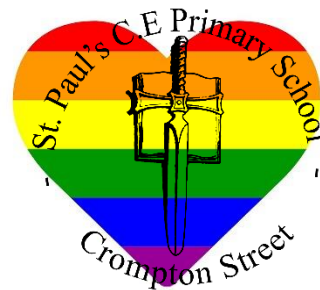
**Phonics** - We will continue using the Essential Letters and Sounds programme for our daily phonics sessions. We will be focusing on recognising and writing Phase 3 sounds and tricky words. Tricky words are the words that cannot be sounded out e.g. the, my, I, was

### Maths

In Maths, we are going to focus on counting numbers beyond 10. We are going to revisit the composition of numbers up to 10 using the part whole model. We will be revisiting combining two groups of numbers. The children will begin to look at ordering numbers beyond 10 and finding missing numbers on the number line.

### P.E.

Reception will continue to 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. We have been supporting the children to become more independent and most children are now able to dress/undress themselves independently.  
Well done!



### R.E.

This half-term our topic will be 'Salvation'. In this topic we will explore how Christians believe Easter is the most important festival of the year. We will explore that it is a mixture of sorrow, reflection, joy and hope.

### Reading Books



Reading as regularly as possible to an adult can really help your child progress. We would like to see your child read their school reading books 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. Children who have read 7 times in a week on three separate occasions within a half term receive a small prize. Well done to the children who have already received one of these prizes!

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
- One small, healthy morning snack (if desired)

### 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.