

Reception Newsletter Summer 1 2024

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.

We will be going on a school trip in Summer 2 (June 2024) to Smithill's Farm as part of our learning about animals and growing. (More information to follow.)

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.

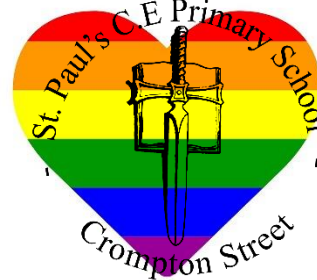
Maths

In Maths, we are going to focus on 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 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) -No crisps please.

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.