



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Spring 1 and 2 Class Newsletter

Year: EYFS

Class Teacher: Miss Staniland

Dear Parents/Carers and children,

Happy New Year, we hope that you enjoyed time together over the Christmas holiday.

Thank you for your generosity over the Christmas season to both the staff and the children. I know the children had a wonderful time at the end of term with all the various Christmas activities, including their Nativity performance, whole school mass and their class party.

Prayer and RE learning

This term our theme Baptism and we will be learning the role of Baptism in welcoming Catholics into God's family. We will explore ways in which a parish shares and celebrates life and show care for one another. We will learn how Lent is an important season in the Church year and a special time to pray.

Maths

We will be continuing to follow the White Rose scheme of work in Maths. This includes exploring numbers up to 10 through subitising numbers, finding 1 more or less, and making amounts. We will also be comparing mass and using balance scales. We will explore and compare capacity, length and height.

English

Throughout this term we will be looking at a variety of traditional tales, including The Three Little Pigs, Jack and the Beanstalk and the Magic Porridge Pot. We will discuss the events and characters in these stories and retell the narrative as well as use our imagination to create our own characters and stories.

We will continue to work on handwriting and forming letters accurately, holding our pencil in a tripod grip.



Phonics

Please continue to read with your child regularly at home and practise the sounds for the week. This term we will gain a secure knowledge of Phase 2 sounds and begin to learn Phase 3 sounds. We will begin to segment and blend these sounds to read words.

We will be continuing to send home reading books, a Phonics reader and shared reader.

Please do return these on a

Monday to then receive new books on a **Wednesday**.

Please can their yellow reading diaries remain in their book bags for the week.



Other subjects

Our topic this term is called:

Once upon a Story Time

This will focus around traditional tales. As part of our Science work we will be exploring materials and investigate which material is the best suited for the house of the

Three Little Pigs. In

Geography we will

be looking at some fairy tale maps. In

Music we are making musical story

compositions.



Virtues for the two terms:

Spring 1: Compassionate and Loving

The children will reflect on how God loves us and how we can love one another.

Spring 2: Faith-Filled and Hopeful

The children will be growing to be faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.

Catholic Social Teaching strands:

Family and Community

We will learn how the parish is a family of God and how we can care for our community around us.

Solidarity and the Common Good

We will be thinking about how we can care and protect animals and the world around us, including re-

ducing our eco-footprint and recycling objects.

Expectations for home learning in

EYFS

We will continue to share homework completed in our WOW books. We will be giving you a sheet with a few more ideas for the term ahead.

PE days

Our PE day continues to be on **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child has a full kit in school. They will need a school PE t-shirt, black shorts, outside PE shoes (trainers) and a tracksuit for when the weather is colder. PE kits can be brought to school any day of the week ready for PE on Thursday.

Uniform

We expect all children to wear the correct school uniform and for parents/carers to co-operate fully by providing the uniform and ensuring children wear it correctly. Please check the school website for a full details.

Please remember to name all your child's clothing so it is easier to locate items if they go missing. We have a box of lost property so do please check through this if you are missing anything. Remember to bring in spare underwear and clothing for any toileting accidents or if your child gets wet in play. With the colder weather they may need an extra jumper, hats, gloves

or scarves as we try to go outside every day whatever the weather.

As you are aware the children are no longer required to bring inside shoes to change into but in EYFS we ask that your child brings in a pair of **wellies or boots** to change into for outside play for when they engage with wet, muddy or messy provision outside.

Dates for the diary

Wed 30th January

Whole School Mass

Wed 7th February

EYFS and Year 1 Class Mass

Wed 13th March

Reception Assembly

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office via telephone or email and we will respond as quickly as possible.

We are so delighted to be spending another term with the children and to watch them grow in confidence and in their learning. It is such a wonderful privilege to be part of their journey and we take every moment into our hearts, they are amazing children of God.

Best wishes,

Miss Staniland and the EYFS team



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