



WELCOME BACK!

It's hard to believe we're into the final half term of the year. We hope you have had a lovely half term break; the weather has certainly been in our favour this time!

We have been very impressed with how Reception Class have adapted to the changes as our new Early Years Department is evolving. They've taken an active interest in the changes and how the machinery works. For the next couple of weeks, Reception children will be entering and leaving school via the main entrance until building work is complete.

Mrs McMullan and Mrs Ingleby

OUR R.E. TOPICS AND SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

FRIENDS - Friends of Jesus Talk together about times when you have forgiven and been forgiven. Discuss the importance of saying sorry. Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day to day life of the family.

ISLAM – What is our most precious object? Those of the Islamic faith, treasure their Prayer Mat. What does the exterior of a Mosque look like? How is it different to our church?

OUR WORLD - God's wonderful world Together, look through a family scrapbook or photograph album of a visit to a place that is special for your family.

Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people of that country.

Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.

ENGLISH

This half term our focus is:

Reading- Encourage your child now to read *known* words, rather than continuing the habit of sounding out as this will help fluency no end. Action words will be sent home on a weekly basis. These are words which appear regularly within texts.

Mark-making- Is your child holding their pencil correctly?

Writing sentences: The 'Gimme 5' approach.

After writing a sentence in class, we ask ourselves the following 5 questions:

Have I ...

-used a capital letter?

-added a full stop?

-used finger spaces?

-checked my spelling

-read my sentence to check it makes sense?

MATHS – NUMBER WORK: Our focus is now on numbers to 20. We will be doing fun counting activities and games which involve: doubling and halving, sharing and grouping, identifying odd and even numbers, adding and subtracting.

SHAPE, SPACE AND MEASURE: We will continue to explore patterns and everyday objects; describing them using mathematical language. The class will also use everyday language to talk about size, position, distance, time and money. Could you talk about/sort the money in your child's piggy bank?

TOPIC WORK – 'Let's Go Outdoors.' We will continue to look at our own environment and compare it to another, making observations of changes in the natural world around us. E.g. the seaside. Reception will also delve into child led topics, such as 'Dinosaurs!'

REMINDERS: Remember

- Sunhats and water bottles each day. You may wish to apply sun cream before coming to school.
- A waterproof coat, wellies, and recycling for our budding designers!
- A healthy snack; no biscuits please.
- P.E day is still WEDNESDAY. Please can all uniform be labelled clearly with your child's name, including hoodies.

Please don't hesitate to ask if you have a query. Whether big or small; we are always happy to help.

With kind regards, The Reception Team.