Reception Autumn A Newsletter

Parents and Carers, welcome!

We look forward to working together with you to support your child as they join our St Mary's family. Here is some information about this term. Please feel free to speak to myself or any member of the Reception Team if you have any questions regarding this.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Allen

School Lunches

Your child will be given 2 school menus to take home. Please keep one at home and send in an annotated copy back to us with **all options** your child will eat highlighted for us to use in school.

PE

The children will now have PE every Friday. The children will work with specialist teachers to develop their gross motor skills, as well as their personal, social and emotional development.

PE kits must be worn on PE days. This consists of black trainers, a navy pair of shorts or tracksuit bottoms, royal blue t-shirt and a navy sweatshirt/hoody or school jumper/cardigan. No named sportswear is permitted.

Reading

One to one reading sessions will begin in October.

Nearer the time, your child will be sent a letter with more information about our reading expectations, and your child will be allocated a Group. Group 1 (Mondays and Wednesdays) or Group 2 (Tuesdays and Thursdays).

Please ensure your child comes to school with their reading folder on the correct days.

Topic

Our topic is **'My home and community'** and the books we will be looking at are: 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas 'Goldilocks and the three bears' and 'So Much!' by Trish Cooke.

As part of our topic will we be learning all about ourselves, discussing our emotions and talking about our home life and looking at our local community.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we are going to start our 'Mastering Number' units, looking at sorting and counting. Focusing on numbers up to 3. We will begin to subitise numbers and look at 1 more and less than those numbers.

We will also work on learning Number Rhymes to support our counting in the correct order up to 10.

English

This term we will be focusing on our listening and attention skills while we settle into our new class. We will work on listening games and circle time with our friends.

We will begin to re-tell stories and discuss beginning, middle and end of stories.

In our writing we will start to strengthen our fine motor control by engaging in dough disco sessions. We will also begin to write our names and start our Sounds Write phonics sessions, looking at the individual sounds letters make in the alphabet.

RE

This term our topic is **'Creation and Covenant.'**

In this branch children will: hear a tiny part of the story of Creation from Genesis (that what God makes is 'very good'); appreciate the wonder of a beautiful world; think about how to look after it; and, learn about the Christian sign of the cross.