



Reception Newsletter to Parents

Summer 2024



Our Summer term is always an exciting term! Brighter days return and the children are always pleased as they realise how much taller they have grown when they try on last year's summer clothing! Although growing taller might be part of the usual passage of time, it is an ideal opportunity to make children aware of the past and present and their own personal history. It provides an opportunity to discuss how they have changed, and how they are able to do many more things than they were able to do a year ago! It is also an opportunity to reflect on how hard the children (and parents) have worked over the past few months, and a time to prepare for exciting changes as the children begin to think about moving to Year 1.

A prayer about change:

Dear God

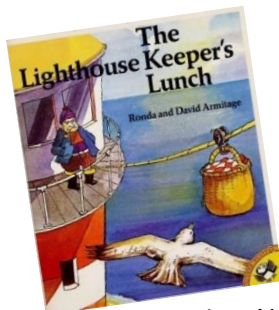
Thank you for being with me all the time, especially when things are different or changing, You know how this can make me feel in my body as well as in my thoughts.

Thank you that my feelings are important to You.

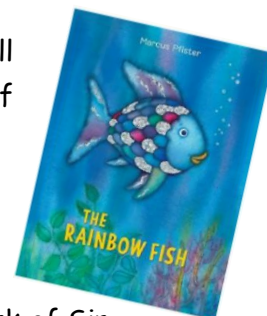
Help me to share my feelings with people who care.

Give me courage when things are new or different, knowing that You are there to help and guide me.

Amen



Communication & Language / Topic work: This half-term we will be learning more about water, the seaside and different modes of transport. Our stories will include 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch', 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Picnic' and 'Rainbow Fish'. We will also read the story of 'Mr Gumpy's Car' and will compare seaside holidays now and long ago, as well as sharing Pirate



stories. We will think about protecting our oceans and the conservation work of Sir David Attenborough.

In the second half of the term, we will learn more about the people who help us in our school and our local community.

Reading: As children should be reading Level 9 books or higher to be at the Expected level for reading by the end of Reception, it is very important that they continue reading at least 5 times per week.

Look out for information about the 'Summer Reading Challenge' hosted by local libraries over the summer holiday as this is a free and fun way to encourage reading throughout the holiday as the children are able to earn stickers and certificates.



RE topics for the term:



- To the ends of the earth (Pentecost; sharing the Good News & Catholic Social Teaching)
- Dialogue and encounter

Key dates:

26th April: Reception Phonics meeting ("Special friends") - 2pm

2nd May: Polling Day (School Closed)

6th May: Bank Holiday (School Closed)

21st May: Wellgate Farm visiting Reception children in school

23rd May: Class photos (All children to be dressed in summer uniform - please check website for details)

27th - 31st May: Half term break (School closed)

18th June: Little City visiting Reception classes (more information to follow)

28th June: Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul Mass (Reception - Year 6)

5th July: Sports Day (Details to follow)

11th July: Class Transition morning

15th July: Bouncy Castle Day

Happy learning!

Reception Team