

Reception Newsletter to Parents

Summer 2025

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

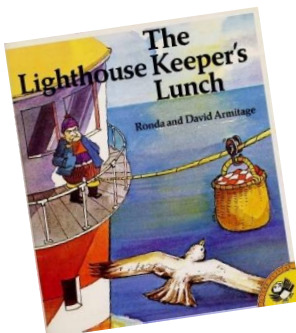
Thank you for being with me all the time, especially when things are different or changing, You know how this can make me feel in my body as well as in my thoughts.

Thank you that my feelings are important to You.

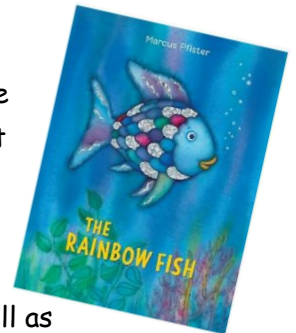
Help me to share my feelings with people who care.

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, dinosaurs and minibeasts!

Reading: 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 (talking about what Jesus looked like, our parish family and important saints)

Key dates:

- Thursday 1st May - Peace and Reconciliation mass at St Dominic's church
- Friday 2nd May - Parent coffee morning
- Friday 2nd May - May Ball Disco
- Monday 19th May - Whole class photos
- Tuesday 20th May - Reception class assembly
- Friday 23rd May - Parent Coffee morning
- Monday 26th May - Half Term
- Tuesday 17th June - Wellgate Farm visit
- Thursday 26th June - Teach Rex Worskshop
- Friday 27th June - Sports Day
- Friday 4th July - Parent Coffee Morning
- Thursday 10th July - Class Transition Day - Meet your new teacher
- Monday 21st July - Bouncy Castle Day
- Tuesday 22nd July - Last day of summer term - 1pm finish

Happy learning!

Reception Team