



# Warton St Paul's

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

## Opal Class Spring Term Two Newsletter

Welcome back to school for another fabulous half term.

Our theme this half term is **Come Outside!**

We will be learning about things that grow outside. We will be planting our own seeds and watching them grow. We will be learning about how to take care of plants and what they need to grow. We will also be learning about bees and why they are so important to us. This will also link to our learning about minibeasts. As the weather improves we are hoping to spend more time outdoors, exploring our school grounds.

Please check the school website and our class page for updates and photos during the half term.

<https://wartonstpauls.co.uk/classes-curriculum/class-pages/opal-reception>

### RE

This half term in RE we will be learning about the Easter story and how it showed Jesus' love for us.

*Key Questions*

*What is love?*

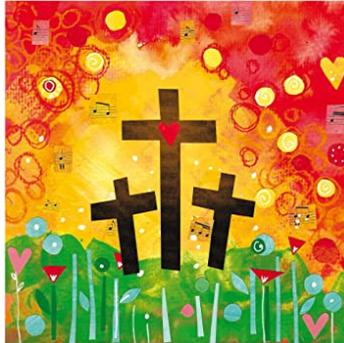
*Where is love?*

*Who do you love?*

*Who loves you?*

*How do you/they show that love?*

*How did Jesus show that he loved us?*



### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be learning about Rights and Respect. We will be finding out about how to care for our special people and our friends; how we can be helpful at home and how we can care for the world. We will also be finding out about how to look after our money.

### Physical Development

PE is every Friday afternoon.

**Please ensure you have a full indoor and outdoor PE kit in school every week.**

We will be working on moving in different ways, climbing, balancing and safely negotiating space. Children can wear a white t-shirt, black leggings/joggers or burgundy shorts, a black hoodie/jumper or their school jumper/cardigan.

### Communication and Language

Our focus this half term will be 'Talk it through!' We will be talking about events in detail using connectives. We will also be practising listening skills and how we can be a good listener in different situations.



### Literacy - Reading

We will be finishing phase 3 phonics. This is where we begin to learn sounds that have two or three letters that together make one sound.

Please read every night and write a comment in their reading journal. Children are read with most days at school as well. Please look at reading books at home each evening and bring them back to school the next day.

### Literacy - Writing

We will be continuing with dough disco and funky fingers activities to strengthen the muscles in our hands for writing.

We will be learning to form lowercase and capital letters correctly and using these in our sentences. We will be working on writing a sequence of sentences to describe or form a narrative. We will be practising using tricky and high frequency words in our writing and spelling these correctly.



### Maths

We will be singing lots of counting songs and using objects to visualise the song. We will be moving on to numbers up to 10 and beyond and learning about representing, partitioning and writing number stories about these. We will be focussing on forming numerals correctly.



We will be learning about the change of season to Spring and how this brings with it new life. We will be looking at the weather, animals and plants related to the season. We will be looking at designing and building a bug hotel for our outdoor classroom and using this to observe our natural environment.

### Understanding the World

### Expressive Art and Design

We will be looking at the artwork of Andy Goldsworthy and using his ideas to create our own natural pieces of art.

We will also be using plants and bees as a stimulus for other pieces of art.



### Home-School Partnership

#### **Things to remember to bring to school every day**

Book bag, reading record and book, water bottle and a change of clothes (where needed).

#### **Daily Home Learning**

School reading book to be read every night and journal signed by an adult.

#### **Weekly learning journey book looks**

Parents will be invited into the classroom on a Friday just before the end of the day to look through your child's learning journey with them.

#### **Half Termly Home Learning**

Each half term your child will receive some different open-ended project tasks to be completed by a given date. The projects will be based on the topics we are doing in class and will be designed so that they can be completed together.

And finally ... The education of your child is a partnership between you and us. Please contact us if you have any worries or concerns about your child or feel there is something we need to be aware of. If you cannot see us at school, we can be contacted via the school office.

Here's to a great half term!

Mrs Fisher