



# Reception Newsletter



## After half term...

### In Phonics, up until Easter, we will be...

- Consolidating all previously taught sounds.
- Learning the sounds:

<b>Rocket Phonics</b> Sounds Mat 2	zz fizzy	qu queen	ch chick	sh sheep	th thumb feather
ng ring	ai train	ee bee	igh light	oa boat	oo book moon

- Reading and writing CVC and CVCC words containing the sounds listed above.

**In the first week back, we will be focusing on the sounds: qu, ch and sh.**

### In Maths we will be learning...

- Cardinality: Understanding that the last number in the count is the total amount.
- 'Stable order principle': Rehearsing the order of the first 10 numbers and understanding that the position that each number holds in the number sequence does not change.
- Improving counting skills, including the counting of object you cannot see. For example, how many times a ball is bounced.

### Understanding the World

Our topic for next half term will be **Space**.

We will be learning about:

- The planets
- Astronauts – who has travelled to Space?
- Space travel – how do they get to Space?

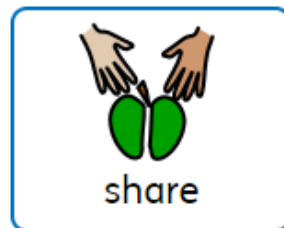
We will be reading the books:

- My First Space Book
- Goodnight, Spaceman
- The Darkest Dark
- Whatever Next
- The Way Back Home
- Aliens Love Underpants
- How to Catch a Star
- Space Poems



### RE

During RE this week, we will be showing an understanding that Jesus wants us to share with others who have less.



## Communication and Language

To develop the children's communication, language and vocabulary, each week we introduce two new words related to our topic. After half term our words of the week will be:

**astronauts**

**planets**

Please do discuss these at home with your child and encourage them to use them verbally in sentences.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We are continuing to learn about the importance of looking after our bodies. We will be discussing the importance of sleep, eating lots of brain food, personal hygiene, and exercise.

## REMINDER - Special Visitors from St George's College, Weybridge

On the final session with St Georges, which will be on the 14th March, all Reception staff and children are invited to go on a coach and attend a celebratory Mass at St George's College in Weybridge, where the Reception children will perform one of the songs they have learnt. At the Mass, we will be joined by the other local Catholic schools who share the partnership with St George's. The children will then be offered a snack and drink (provided by the College) and we will return to school by lunchtime.

**In order for your child to attend the celebratory Mass, please ensure you provide consent on Arbor. If you are unable to log into Arbor, please contact the school office.**

### Important Dates for the Diary

<b>Inset Day</b>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Start of Spring 2</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Reception NHS Height and Weight Checks</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Pyjama Day (please bring in your favourite bedtime story)
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day (please bring in your favourite poem or nursery rhyme)

**Have a lovely half term break! 😊**