

# Sunshine & Rainbow NEWSLETTER



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

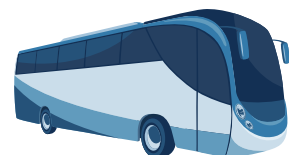
Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and we wish you a very happy and healthy New Year.

## **REMINDER - ST GEORGES COLLEGE, WEYBRIDGE**

We are delighted to share that this half term we will once again continue our long-standing collaboration with St George's College, Weybridge—a partnership that has always been a truly enriching experience.

Throughout the half term, Upper Sixth Form students will visit the Reception children every Thursday morning for eight weeks to lead RE learning as part of their A Level course. These sessions will be supported by all Reception staff and accompanied by a St George's teacher. Each week will feature singing, games, and creative activities.

The programme will conclude on Thursday 12th March with a special celebratory Mass at St George's College. Reception staff and children will travel together by coach, and the children will perform one of the songs they have learnt. This final Mass will also bring together other local Catholic schools who share in the partnership with St George's.



# REMINDER - PEOPLE WHO HELP US

This half term, our topic is "People Who Help Us." The children will be learning all about the important roles that different people play in our community, including police officers, firefighters, doctors, nurses, dentists, postal workers, teachers, shopkeepers, vets, and many more.

Each week we will shine a spotlight on a different profession, exploring how these people help others in their daily work. To make the learning even more exciting, our role play areas will be transformed into a hospital/vets and a fire station, giving the children plenty of opportunities to act out and experience these roles for themselves.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We would love your support with this topic. If you work in a profession that helps others e.g. firefighter, police officer, nurse, doctor, dentist, postal worker, vet etc. and would be happy to come in and talk to the children about what you do, we would be very grateful. Hearing directly from you would make the learning even more meaningful and inspiring for the children.

Thank you as always for your continued support—we are looking forward to another fun and engaging half term!



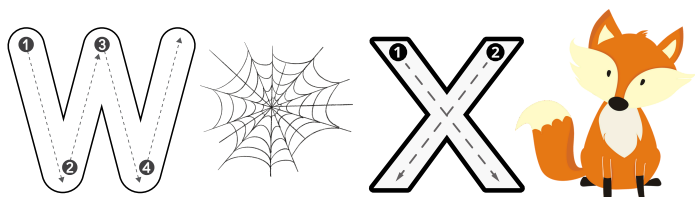
# After Christmas, we will be learning...

## LITERACY

In Phonics, we will be learning the sounds:

- 'w' as in web
- 'x' as in fox

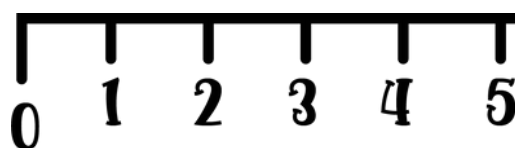
Please do spend some time looking at these in your phonics practise book.



## MATHS

The children will be:

- Finding one less within numbers to 5



## PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- We will be learning that animals have needs and feelings just like people.
- Talking about how we can show kindness to pets (gentle hands, soft voices, keeping them safe).
- Understanding that vets help animals when they are hurt or unwell.



## RE

Galilee to Jerusalem

I know the Wise Men gave Jesus gifts.



## UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

This half term, our topic will be 'People Who Help Us!'

Next week, our focus will be on vets and how we can care for animals.

We will be:

- Writing "What's Wrong?" animal picture prompts - writing what they can see is wrong with the animal e.g. muddy dog, wet cat
- Roleplaying a vets using teddies, bandages etc.
- Creating animal-themed artwork with a range of tactile materials—such as felt, faux fur and tissue paper—to encourage rich sensory exploration.

Have a lovely weekend!