

<u>Reception Newsletter</u>



NSPCC



On Friday 2nd February, we will be having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in Dress up for Digits.

Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it. Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for donations, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

To support the NSPCC, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of $\pounds 1$ per child. Please pay your contribution via ScoPay.

Reading Diaries

Every week, the children take part in Guidea Reading with both their class teacher and LSA's.

To record the child's reading progress, could we please ask that you ensure the <u>children's reading diaries are in school</u> <u>every day.</u>

In the children's reading diary, we will record reading celebrations with a tick and any sounds/tricky words to practise will be recorded in a bubble.

For example:

Excellent sounding out and blending.

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Special Visitors from St George's College, Weybridge

We are extremely excited to share that this year we will be continuing our collaboration with St George's College in Weybridge. This is something that we have done for many years, and it has always been a wonderful experience. Every Thursday morning over the next seven weeks, Upper Sixth Form students will visit the Reception children to lead RE Learning, as part of their RE A Level course. All Reception staff will be present, and the Sixth Form students will be accompanied by a St George's teacher. Each session will include singing, games and crafts.

On the final session, 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.

Our learning next week...

In Phonics we will be learning...

- Sounds **y** and **z**
- Sorting **y** and z objects and letters
- Reading and writing CVC words containing the sounds **y** and **z** e.g.
- Writing simple sentences with a capital letter, finger space and full stop

e.g..

Communication and Language

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

Rainforest

persuade

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

<u>Personal, Social and Emotional</u> <u>Development</u>

I can brush my teeth and I understand the importance of this.

Below is a link to a printable tooth brushing chart for home!

Aquafresh Schools Club Brushing Chart.pdf

If you happen to be a Dentist or Dental Nurse and would be willing to come in and speak to the children about teeth hygiene, please contact your child's class teacher. Thank you!

In Maths we will be...

- Composition of 5
- Seeing that 5 can be made up of 2 and 3
- Speckled frog counting rhyme
- Partitioning the number 5

Understanding the World

Our topic for this half term will be **Habitats**.

We will be learning about:

- Polar Regions
- Rainforest
- Grasslands and Safari
- Woodlands
- Under the Sea

Next week, we will be learning about

Rainforests.

<u>RE</u>

Galilee to Jerusalem – Jesus welcomes everyone.

We will be discussing how we welcome our family and friends into our homes.