

# RECEPTION CLASS NEWSLETTER










SUMMER 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to St Mary's, we hope that you and your family enjoyed a wonderful and peaceful Easter break. The children have settled well back into the school routines and we can't believe that we are already beginning our final term together – but as you will see we have many exciting learning opportunities to look forward to over the next three months. Your support in ensuring that your child completes their Home Learning every week and reads every day with you will continue to help your child to make accelerated progress and reach their full potential.

## Curriculum

Below is an outline of what we will be covering during the Summer term:

<p>English</p> 	<p>In Literacy we will be learning <i>Handa's Surprise</i> by Eileen Brown, <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> by Eric Carle and reading non-fiction texts about animals. We are also going to make our own fact files and booklets on how to care for these creatures!</p>
<p>Phonics and Reading</p> 	<p>Phonics (both reading and writing words and sentences) is taught every morning. During the Summer term, the children will work on writing full sentences and consolidating their knowledge of Set 1 and Set 2 sounds. <b>Please ensure that you hear your child read every day and update their Reading Record.</b></p> 
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>This term we are focusing on numbers beyond 10. We will develop children's understanding of how to carry on counting and thinking about what number comes next. We will further explore addition and subtraction, and learn about sharing and grouping numbers.</p>
<p>RE</p> 	<p>In RE we will ask the question "How Did Jesus 'Rescue' People?". We will learn six Bible stories which demonstrate the Christian belief that Jesus came to save (or 'rescue') people. In the second half of term we will ask "Who Made the Wonderful World?" and discuss what Christians believe about creation and the natural world!</p>
<p>Topic</p> 	<p>Our topic this half term is <b>Amazing Animals</b>. The children will look after baby chicks and caterpillars and learn about life cycles. We will read lots of stories about animals and learn about the features of non-fiction texts. Then, we will have a go at writing our own fact file about animals!</p> <p>In the second half of term, our topic will be <b>Under the Sea</b>. We will read books about sea creatures, and visit the Horniman Museum Aquarium in July!</p>
<p>Values</p> 	<p>We will be focusing on the whole school values of <b>Responsibility</b> and <b>Faith</b>. We will be exploring these values throughout this term and children will have the opportunity to learn how these values can be displayed, referring to examples from Bible stories and influential figures.</p>

## Key Dates for the Summer Term 2024

- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – SCHOOL CLOSED (POLLING STATION FOR MAYORAL ELECTIONS)**
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – BANK HOLIDAY**
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – National Walk to School Week
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 9:00AM - Pentecost and Eucharist Worship at St Mary's Church
- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – HALF TERM**
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 9:00AM – Fathers' Day Worship in School
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)**
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Aspiration Week
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Science Day
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Health Week
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day at Ladywell Arena (EYFS & KS1 in the morning)
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Reception Trip to Horniman Museum Aquarium
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July – End of year School reports sent home to parents and carers
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – 1:00PM – END OF TERM**
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 8:40AM - Children return to school for the New School Year

## Key Reminders

- Please be on time at the beginning (8:40) and end (3:10) of the school day
- Please ring the school office if you have arranged for a new person to collect your child, including that person's phone number (for identification purposes)
- Elmers are tested weekly in class. Your child may take home the same Elmer for their home learning to practice again if they are not yet secure.



## PE

Please note that the children must bring the correct PE kit (plain navy blue/black jogging bottoms, plain white t-shirt and plain black plimsolls/trainers) to every PE lesson. Our PE coach, Mr Tientcheu, will lead the children in the PE curriculum alongside their teacher. **PE lessons will be on Wednesdays.**



## Jewellery

We advise that the children do not wear **any** jewellery to school although plain stud earrings are acceptable.

## Clothing

Please make sure that all of your child's items of clothing are clearly labelled with their names. This applies to all items of school uniform, PE kit and coats. School shoes should be plain and black.

## Home Learning

Home learning will be set on Friday and should be handed in on Tuesday. In addition to the home learning set, your child should be reading their phonics book every day. **There is a clear expectation that every child fully completes their home learning every week and we will be keeping a record of all home learning completed and contacting parents where this is not the case.**

## Reading

It is vital that your child reads to you every day. Please complete their reading journal and ensure that they bring it into school **daily**. Your child will be given books, which we will aim to change on a weekly basis. If you have any concerns or would like some support with this, then please contact the school.

## Appointments

If you have any queries or wish to make an appointment, please ring the School office on 0208 6902613 or email [admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk) We greatly value your support with your child's learning.

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