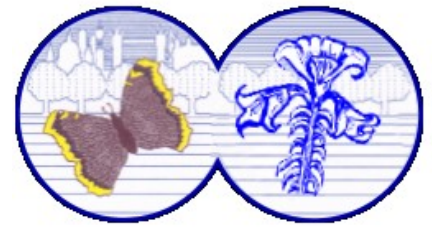


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CURRICULUM NEWS

FOR THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ST JOSEPH'S

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English

In Literacy this term we will be focusing on two stories, Funnybones by Janet & Allan Ahlberg and Stone Soup by Jess Stockhan, an old folk tale. We will be busy re-telling a range of stories through acting, role playing with masks and puppet making. In relation to Funnybones, we will be finding out about our skeletons and our five senses - taste, touch, smell, sight and hearing.

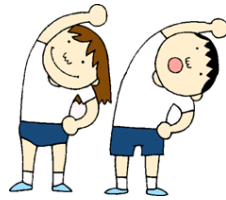
When reading Stone Soup we will be learning about where different vegetables come from, making delicious vegetable soup and writing lists of ingredients.

In order to support the children with their writing we will be doing lots of activities to strengthen their fine motor skills. We will be working on the correct pencil grip and doing lots of different activities which require the children to write their names whilst forming their letters correctly. Writing activities will also involve using their initial and final sounds to label pictures.



P.E

In PE this half term the children will be doing Athletics during their outdoor lessons. They will also be developing their coordination skills through floor movement patterns during their indoor lessons. These activities will help to develop their teamwork and listening skills.



Reading

At school, your child reads weekly with an adult and their reading books will be changed twice a week. This reading along with their daily Phonics lessons will support their learning, however, the biggest impact for your child will be reading **every day** at home.

Please sign and date their red Reading Diary daily to show that you are supporting your child with their reading. Reception Library day will be on a Friday so please ensure you bring in your book to change.

Phonics

The children will begin daily phonics lessons this term, working on Phase 2. There will be a 'Reception Phonics Workshop' for parents on 21st September at 9.30 and repeated at 5pm. Please try to attend. Your support at home is invaluable to your child's progress in reading and writing, your child needs you!



Maths

This term children are playing lots of fun games to promote number recognition. They are also learning how to count from 1-20 and arrange numbers in the right order. Children are learning how to count arrangements of different objects slowly and carefully with their fingers, making sure that they have one to one correspondence.

Next half-term children will focus on learning how to find 1 more and 1 less than a given number up to 20. They will also learn about the names and features of different 2D and 3D shapes and use these to create collages and when building. Children will then explore different patterns in their environment and learn how to recognise, create and continue a repeated pattern in a variety of different ways.

Please practise your child's number recognition and counting skills at home too. Can they count all the cars along the road on the way to school? Can they tell you what the number on the bus is?

ICT

This half term we will be using the iPads and desktop computers to access a range of age appropriate and educational programmes.

Religious Education



The Way, the Truth and the Life Religious Education

In R.E lessons the children are learning all about God's World. They will be learning about The Creation Story using fabric and props to act out the story. They will explore all the things that God created for us. The children will also be planting cress and learning how we should take care of God's World. Children will also learn that God made each one of us to be different. In circle time the children will be exploring their many different talents and attributes that make them unique and special.

Next half—term the children will be learning all about God's Family. The children will learn how God made each of us and how we all belong to God's Family. We will focus on the many different ways we gather together to celebrate God's love for us.

In class the children will be learning a new morning, lunchtime and evening prayer. Please talk to your child about some of the prayers you know and the reasons we might pray to God.

Homework

Children will be given a weekly homework task which will be put in their homework folder. This will be marked by the following Friday. Please don't do the activity for your child but encourage them to have a go themselves!!!

Music

Children will be singing in class with their teachers throughout the week. They will be learning lots of new catchy songs, rhymes and poems complete with actions and musical accompaniment. In Autumn 2, we will be learning songs for our Christmas Nativity and a variety of Christmas carols.



Things to remember.

Children need to be lining up in the playground behind the red spot by 8.55am with an adult. Parents collect their children at 3.00pm prompt from the Reception entrance in the main playground. If a new adult is collecting your child please call and notify the school office or introduce them to your child's class teacher.

Please ensure your child's entire uniform and P.E kit are labelled clearly with their name.

Please provide your child with a water bottle clearly labelled with their name. These are taken home daily to be refreshed at home.

P.E times

Red Class:

- Indoor— Tuesday 9.30-10.30
- Outdoor—Thursday 1.30-2.30

Rainbow Class:

- Indoor—Tuesday 10.40-11.30
- Outdoor—Friday 1.30-2.30

Understanding of the World

In class we will be looking at changes in nature. We plan to take the children to the local Myatt's Field Park to go on an Autumn walk to collect signs of Autumn. ie leaves and conkers. At the weekends collect as many conkers as you can. Can your child count how many they have all together? Bring them into class and add to our conker collection.

We will also be learning about people who help us in our community ie Doctors, nurses, dentists, police officers etc. If any parents have a job that helps our community and would like to come and share what they do with the children, please get in touch with your child's class teacher. We are very excited to be visiting Peckham Fire Station to find out all about a Fire-person's job, date to be confirmed.

Being Imaginative

Children will be learning how to draw and paint a self-portrait. We will also be using our bodies to make hand and foot prints with paint. We will be using our imaginations to create people and cars using recycled materials.



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The children are enjoying making lots of new friends. In class we will be learning about what makes a good friend, i.e. sharing, being helpful and the importance of using caring hands and kind words! Please ensure you reinforce these messages to your child at home too.

We will also be learning about the school's Golden Rules—what they mean and why it is important we follow them. In class we keep a Golden Book and write down the names of the children who have impressed us most each week for things like trying hard with their work, being a kind friend or a helpful classmate and achieving great success in a curriculum area, and are shared in golden

Other Important Dates

You must attend:

- Home Learning Diaries— 26.9.16 at 9.30 or 5.00
- Maths—5.10.16 at 9.30 or 5.00
- Writing—10.10.16 at 9.30