

The St. Joseph's Standard

Early Years Edition



CURRICULUM NEWS FOR THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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Literacy

In Literacy lessons Reception children have been learning all about The Little Red Hen, The Ugly Duckling and facts about chicks.



We are on writing sentences focusing on complete with finger spaces, capital letters and full-stops. We have been writing instructions on how to make bread, writing the story and a sorry letter to The Little Red Hen. We have also been learning about the difference between story books and information books. We will be writing information books on how to care for chicks.



Gathering Together for Religious Education

In R.E we will be learning about Pentecost which is the celebration of the Good News of Jesus. Children will recognise the Pentecost story as a religious story and understand that Christians are happy at Pentecost and go to church to celebrate the Good News. We will also study reconciliation. Children will know how we can make friends, that Jesus had good friends and what Jesus tells us about friendship.



News Flash!



Reception are going to The National Gallery, Trafalgar Square to view the Impressionist Exhibition. We will have a guided tour and enjoy looking at all the different paintings. We also have a trip planned to Battersea Park Farm where the children can pet the animals.

Maths Mania!

In Mathematics we will be counting reliably with numbers past 20, placing them in order and saying what is one more and one less. You can work on this at home too. We will be adding and subtracting numbers using counters and number lines.

We will be sharing objects to make sets of 2's, 5's and 10's. The children will be learning how to apply their skills to word problems. A chick has 2 wings. How many wings will 5 chicks have?



In Art children have been learning how to mix colours to paint bunting and decorate flowers. They are also going to make and decorate chick diaries. Inspired by their trip to the National Gallery they will be making stain-glass window panelling. In addition they will enter an Art competition for a local history project.

In **Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Development** the Reception children will be learning how to treat and care for animals and mini-beasts.

In **Understanding the World** we will learn about the life cycle of chicks, have real caterpillars which turn into butterflies and investigate, explore and classify mini-beasts and according to their features.

