

Reception Newsletter

Learning Challenge: who are the famous characters inside my books?

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely time with your child. The children had a super half term and they developed a good knowledge and understanding of space. They started looking into features of a story more, focusing on the pattern that a story follows, and being able to retell it and write it. This half term we will be focusing on different stories and the different characters inside books. They will continue developing their phonic knowledge to write words and to use vocabulary that is influenced by their experiences in books.

It is the feast day of St Joseph on Tuesday 19th March.
We will celebrate this with our 'International Evening' on Friday 22nd March.



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CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL
LEARNING TO LOVE, LOVING TO LEARN

Class Teachers: Miss Molins
Miss Field-Simpson

Days to remember	Event
Assembly	Tuesday 26 th March
Class trip	TBC
Open school Learning Challenge event	Thursday 4 th April

Learning Challenge:

Using the Jolly Postman as a starter for this challenge introduces the children to the idea that character in books are sometimes confusing and amusing when out of context.

Children will be exposed to many other stories and they will be able to role play their favourite characters using props.

We will continue creating story maps that enable the children to imitate the language orally before reading and writing.

This is a good challenge to develop the love of literature that we want children to have.

Calendar

- February 25th INSET DAY
- 6th March – Ash Wednesday - Mass at St Thomas A Becket Church. At 9.30am.
- 27th February- NSPCC Parents E-Safety Workshop
- 1st March – Friendship Dance
- 5th March - Parents' Evening 2-7pm
- 7th March – World Book Day
- 11th-18th March – Science Week
- 15th March – Open School Science Week finale (School Hall)
- 18th March –Anti-Bullying/E-safety workshop for parents
- 19th March – Mass for the feast day of Saint Joseph
- 22nd March – International Evening
- 25th March – Year5 Royal Festival Hall
- 4th April – open school Learning Challenge event
- 5th April – Term ends at 2pm

Ways to support your child's learning at home

- Discuss with your child the things that they have learned each day.
- Ensure all homework is completed and handed in on time.
- Encourage your child to read for at least 20 mins a day.
- Read and discuss together the "Wednesday Word" every week.
- Allow your child to use our online subscriptions: Reading Eggs/RM Maths/Purple Mash.

E-safety! - A better internet starts with you...

Talk regularly with your child about how they use technology, and find out what their digital life is like, including what their favourite sites and services are and also how being online makes them feel. Not sure where to begin?

It starts with a balanced approach - As parents it's natural to feel worried about the risks posed by your child being online, but for young people the online world is exciting and fun, as it brings so many opportunities for them. Connect with your child by asking them to share with you their favourite things to do online, as well as discussing the risks they might come across.

It starts with using the tools available to help you - There are lots of tools to help you manage the devices used by your family. For example, knowing how to activate and use parental controls can help protect your child from seeing inappropriate content online.

For more support visit: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk>