

RECEPTION - SPRING 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2023



"Happy together in God's family,
we love, grow and learn."

www.stmaryshorsforth.org

Twitter: @StMarysLS18



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas break, I hope you have all had a wonderful time with family and friends.

This half term our topic is winter looking at animals that live in cold countries, investigating what happens to ice when it is warm and vice-versa and also opposites which will link into maths vocabulary such as heavy / light, long / short, day / night, full / empty etc.

Stay and Play: Wednesday 7th February is our next class stay and play, between 2-3pm. We will follow the same format as last time, so please only one adult per family due to space.

Class Mass: We are having a joint class Mass with Year 3 on the 25th of January, this is in church @9.30am.

Class assembly: Is in this school hall on Thursday the 9th of February at 9.15am.

Tapestry / Twitter: Thank you to everyone that added to your child's account during the last half term and over the festive period; it was lovely to see and share what the children had been up to with the rest of the class as this also promotes their language skills.

Thank you for your continued support, Miss A Roberts.

Important Days

Monday

Please return reading books

Thursday & Friday

PE kits

Important Dates

25.1.23 - @9.30am
Year 3 & Reception
class Mass*

7.2.23 - @2.00pm
stay and play*

9.2.23 - @9.15am
class assembly*

10.2.23 - School
closes

Phonics and Literacy

This half term in phonics, we will be continuing with phase 3 sounds and focusing on digraphs and building on our knowledge of graphemes already learnt. We will continue working on reading CVC, CVVC and CCVC words and developing our knowledge of sight-reading high frequency words to increase our reading fluency.

Within Literacy we will be starting a new format that follows the rest of the school; (Philip Webb) this involves 3 stages 1. Prediction, 2. Understanding, 3. Writing. This is to increase the children's knowledge of the structure of stories and develop their writing skills. We will also be reading space poems and using fact books.

We will continue to work on pencil grip, writing their names, letter formation and using their phonic knowledge to support them when segmenting and writing words.

Physical Development

The topic is gymnastics, we will be able to respond to different stimuli, explore movements, and improve coordination, balance and timing.

We will continue to work on our fine motor skills through play and focused activities to help us with our writing and cutting skills.

RE

This half term, the topic is "Getting to know Jesus". Children will be given opportunities to become aware that Jesus has a great love for each one of us and will think of ways in which we can show our love for Jesus. They will hear that Jesus cured people who were sick and think of ways we can show our love for sick people.

We will link our virtue learning, into how God and Jesus wants us to live our lives and help other people just as Jesus helped others.

The Foundation Stage

Spring 1



Mathematics

This term we will continue learning number 7-10, so the children have a comprehensive understanding of each number. Looking at 1 more, 1 less, sequencing, number patterns / bonds, addition and subtraction. Using 10 frames, part-part whole model and number sentences.

In space, shape and measure we will be working on length, weight and capacity. We will revisit 2d shapes and start looking at 3d shapes talking about their properties. We will be talking about spatial awareness and positional language looking for shapes in the environment and going on treasure hunts.

Topic: Winter Opposites

This half term we are focusing on winter and opposites. The small world will turn into an arctic winter wonderland scene. The role play area will be a house to help the children promote language and communication, friendship and sharing.

We will be carrying out different investigations which will support their skills to problem solve and their knowledge of understanding the world around them.

PSED

Each week in circle time we will discuss the school's weekly 'virtues to live by' which this half term are friendship and love of thy neighbour. We also chat about topical issue or something that has happened during the week, which will develop the children's knowledge of how to handle different situations. We will continue using the language from the 'Leader In Me' and linking it into knowledge gained in RE.