

YEAR R SPRING 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2022

www.stmaryshorsforth.org

Twitter: @StMarysLS18



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

Important Days

Monday

Return reading folders

Tuesday & Thursday

PE -come in PE clothes

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful week's holiday and made the most of the pockets of sunshine!

Reading at home: Just a reminder of the value of reading, it is so important at this age to listen to your child read daily and for you to read to your child, in these early stages of their reading journey. Each book should be read at least 3-4 times as this will support their reading fluency, word bank recognition and increase their sight-reading skills.

Returning reading books: Please can I ask that you return reading books every Monday morning so they can be changed, please sign or write a comment so we know that your child's books have been read.

School trips: On the 10th of March we are visiting the local library in Horsforth. Also on the 25th of March we are going on our class trip to the farm, it is an all-day trip so the children will need pack-lunches, the information has been emailed to your parent pay address.

Easter workshop: There will be a selection of Easter crafts on 22.3.2022 @2pm, it would be lovely if one adult from each family could join us.

Mother's Day: There will be a whole school assembly where each class will participate.

Thank you for your continued support, Miss A Roberts (Class teacher)

Important Dates

6.3.2022 - 11.00am
Family Mass – 1st
Sunday of Lent

11.3.2022 - Non uniform
£1 for Cafod

16.3.2022 - Book Fair in
school 8.30 - 8.50 and
3.15 - 3.45

18.3.2022 - Non uniform
for Comic Relief £1

18.8.2022 - 2.30pm
Good Shepherd
Fundraiser

22.3.2022 - 2.00pm
Reception Easter
Workshop

25.3.2022 - 2.30pm
Mother's Day assembly

29.3.2022 - 4.00 –
6.30pm Parents Evening

31.3.2022 - 9.30am
Whole school Mass led
by Year 5

31.3.2022 - 4.00 –
6.30pm Parents Evening

1.4.2022 -Finish for
Easter holidays

Phonics and Literacy

We have nearly finished phase 3 phonics and will be focusing on revisiting and recapping digraphs/trigraphs already learnt (phase 4), so the children can progress their skills and knowledge to all areas of reading and writing. We will continue working on reading high frequency and sight-reading tricky words to increase our reading fluency. In literacy we will introduce the structure of 'predicting, understanding and writing' to support the children's knowledge of how stories are structured. Some of our focus stories will be, 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'Jess and the Beanstalk'. We will also be looking at non-fiction texts about how farms have changed over time.

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

Physical Development

This half term we will be developing the children's ball skills in throwing and catching using different size balls. This supports hand-eye co-ordination as well as fine and gross motor skill and pair work. We spend some time each week on teamwork and team games. We will also continue to work on fine motor skills through play and focused activities to help us with our writing and using scissors.

RE

This half term, the children will be learning about sorrow and joy. They will begin to understand that we are capable of hurting others and that we should always try to be kind to each other. They will learn that we can say sorry when we hurt someone, but we need to ask Jesus to help us to do this. They will also begin to learn that Jesus forgave those who hurt him and know that we can forgive other.

We will also be looking at the Jewish festival of Purim.

The Foundation Stage



Spring Half-Term 2



Mathematics

This half term we will be exploring symmetrical patterns, in which each side is a familiar pattern, linking this to 'doubles.' We will continue to consolidate their understanding of cardinality, working with larger numbers within 10 and become more familiar with the counting pattern beyond 20.

We will introduce and explore the composition of odd and even numbers, looking at the 'shape' of these numbers and begin to link even numbers to doubles. We will also begin to explore the composition of numbers within 10 and compare numbers, reasoning about which is more, using both an understanding of the 'how-many-ness' of a number, and its position in the number system.

We will also focus on our knowledge of 2d and 3d shapes names and their properties, capacity, measuring height, length and weight.

Topic: Farm's and Growing

This half term, we are focusing on growing and looking at the cycles of how plants and animals grow. We will be learning about differences between wild animals and farm animals and learning the names for baby animals. This is to get us ready for our trip to the farm.

The children will be growing different plants and vegetables looking at the cycle of growth and the basic parts of a plant, also what they need to be able to grow.

PSED

Each week in circle time, to discuss the school's virtues, which supports the children to express different feelings and emotions. This half term's virtues are charity and forgiveness. We will continue to encourage and congratulate the children when they become one of the classes' 'Valued Virtues', because they have become a Kind Katie, Friendly Felicity, Determined Dennis, Respectful Robin and a Patient Peter.