

# YEAR R SUMMER 2

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2019

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



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after half term, I can't believe the children are going into our final term in Reception but as always it will be a busy one. We have 'Health week' coming up including sports day, a class trip as well as working on the children's chosen topic of minibeasts and Jack and the beanstalk.

Year 1: This half term we will be getting the children ready for the transition into Year 1 with regular visits, stories and moving up mornings.

Warmer weather: Fingers crossed that the warmer weather continues, please can you make sure that your child brings in a water bottle, sun hat and that you apply sun cream before school. If your child needs extra sun cream during the day, please send in a named bottle and your child will apply extra after lunch.

School trip: We are taking the children on a return trip to Horsforth park after our successful trip earlier in the year. This time we will be going all day so we can play games and have art activities going on; the children will need a packed lunch. As we will not need a coach, I am planning on booking two dates one as a reserve date just in case of bad weather (more details to follow).

Tapestry / Twitter / Website: Thank you to everyone that added to their child's account during the holidays. At St Mary's we use Twitter and post pictures of activities on the school website under Reception class page.

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

### Important Days

#### Monday

Return reading books &  
sentence tins

#### Tuesday

PE

Reading books home

#### Wednesday

PE

### Important Dates

10.6.19 - Pentecost picnic

13.6.19 - Open the Book assembly

17.6.19 - Healthy Week

21.6.19 - @ 1.30 Sports Day

4.7.19 - Open the Book assembly

5.7.19 - @9.10 - Reception assembly

8.7.19 - Moving up morning

11.7.19 - Moving up morning

12.7.19 - Reports to parents

16.7.19 - 2.15 - 3.15 Key Stage 1 disco

18.7.19 - Whole school Mass

18.7.19 - School closes



## Phonics and Literacy

We have covered all phase 2 and phase 3 sounds so we will be recapping and reviewing sounds through reading, written work and games.

In literacy we will be looking at the book 'Yucky worms by: Vivian French'; incorporating writing about their observations from the wormery. The children will continue to work more independently with their writing.

We will continue to work on pencil grip, writing their full names, letter formation within the pre-cursive script. As well as applying their phonic knowledge to support them with blending in their reading and segmenting during writing.

We will also be focusing on reading and writing tricky words as well as high frequency words.

## Physical Development

We will continue to work on our fine motor skills through play and focused activities to help us with our writing and accurate cutting skills. In literacy and maths, we are focusing on making handwriting smaller and getting letters and numbers to sit on the line.

We will continue to have PE twice a week and start our preparations for Sports Day.

## RE

This half term, the children will be learning about the Church. The children will begin to understand that we call the Church, the family of God. They will learn that a church building is a holy place where we can all pray and are welcome. The children will learn that Jesus is present in a special way in the Blessed Sacrament and he invites us to be with him. They will learn to be thankful that lots of people help to look after the church and know why Sunday is a special day.

## The Foundation Stage



## Summer Term 2



## Topic: Minibeasts

I have changed the topic for this half term from summer to minibeast this is due to the children's interest in their environment and having the caterpillars in the classroom and studying the 'Life cycle of a butterfly' in the RE topic 'New Life'.

The children will be making a wormery, exploring habitats and looking at why animals and minibeasts camouflage themselves in the wild.

## Mathematics

In number this half term, we will be continuing to work on the correct number formation from 0-9. We will be covering adding and subtracting, doubling, halving, sharing and problem solving. Counting on and back from a given number up to 20.

In space, shape and measure the children will be focusing on time by ordering familiar events and learning O' clock in time as well as shapes, weight, capacity, length, money.

We will be creating a beanstalk in the classroom to measure the children's height and also measuring and recording the progress of the beans and peas that we planted.

## PSED

Each week in circle time we will discuss the school's virtues, which are self-discipline gratitude, honesty and reflection. We will also be continuing to use the language that goes with the 7 Habits 'Leader in me'. This all ties into the school's ethos and Christian beliefs as well as the EYFS curriculum of making relationships, self-confidence and self-awareness and managing feelings and behaviour.