



# Saint Mary's R.C. Primary School

## EYFS Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2023

### Challenge

Each week we set a challenge for your child. This is an opportunity for you to support your child in their learning and for you to find out about what we do in school. Please complete the challenge each week as the children feel left out if their friends have done it and they haven't! All challenges need to be in school no later than the Thursday.

#### FS1

Next week is National Nursery Rhyme week. For their challenge this week please can the children tell us their favourite Nursery Rhyme. They can bring in a book to share or just write it down to tell us.

#### FS2

The children have been working really hard in maths this week. This week we would like the children to try writing numbers 1-5, working in the number book we have sent home. You can support your child with this by showing them the correct number formation but please allow them to complete the book independently.

#### Topic- FS1

We have been talking about Remembrance Day and Diwali this week. We have enjoyed being creative making sponge printed poppies. We have looked at Rangoli patterns and had a try at making some ourselves. They are lovely and bright!

### Class Names

FS1 (Mrs Openshaw's class) are called the **Sparrows**  
FS2G (Mrs Gerrard's class) are called the **Wrens**  
FS2M (Mrs Morton's class) are called the **Robins**

### Newsletter Colours

Anything in black writing is applicable to both FS1 (Nursery) children and FS2 (Reception) children.

Anything in **red** is for **FS1 children/ parents**.

Anything in **blue** is for **FS2 children/ parents**.

### Times

**FS1 times are:** 8.45-8.55 am (for morning children and full timers) 11.45 am finish for morning children. Afternoon start is 12pm. All children finish at 3.00 pm. Please be on time at the beginning and end of the day. **FS2 times are:** 8.45-55am start and 3.00 pm finish. Please be on time at the beginning and end of the day.

### Topic- FS2

This week we have been learning about Remembrance Day and Diwali. We have watched some short videos showing us why both of these are special occasions in people's lives. For Remembrance Day we made poppies by colouring them in red and black, adding a leaf and sticking on a stem. We also made our own Poppy field using red cupcake cases and painted green stems. Diwali is the festival of light so we made our own Rangoli pictures using nice bright colours.

**CHILDREN WHO LEARN AND KNOW RHYMES ARE BETTER COMMUNICATORS, READERS AND WRITERS, THAN THOSE WHO DON'T!**

## FS1 Weekly Vocabulary

Please try to use this vocabulary with your children.

**Topic Vocab:** Remembrance Day, Diwali, poppies, soldiers, light, colours, Rangoli patterns

**Maths vocab:** count, touch, altogether, 1 2 3 4 5

**This week's songs, rhymes, poems and stories**

Please sing or let your child listen to these rhymes.

**Rhymes/poems and songs:** Baa Baa black sheep

**Stories:** Stanley Stick, farm stories

## FS2 Weekly Vocabulary

Please try to use this vocabulary with your children.

**Topic Vocab:** Remembrance Day, Diwali, poppies, soldiers, light, colours, Rangoli patterns

**Maths vocab:** pattern, same, different, count, order, 1 2 3 4 5

**This week's songs, rhymes, poems and stories**

Please sing or let your child listen to these rhymes.

**Rhymes/Poems and songs:** God loves me, Head shoulders knees and toes, Jesus love is very wonderful

**Stories:** Owl babies, EYFS: Playtime

### Christmas (Provisional dates)

Christmas really isn't that far away so here are our provisional dates for things happening in school  
(more information will follow)

Wednesday 13th Dec - Christmas dinner

Thursday 14th Dec - FS2 Concert

Friday 15th Dec - FS1 Concert

### Parents' Day

Parents Day is on Thursday 16th November.  
Please remember to book your appointment by logging into Scopay. The booking system will close on Tuesday at 8pm.

Thank you to all the parents who came to our phonics meeting and to read with their child on Tuesday. We hope that by working together the children will make good progress in reading!

### Christmas Fair

This year our Christmas Fair will be on **25.11.23**. We would really appreciate donations of raffle prizes such as bottles, chocolate, toys, toiletries etc. We will be holding a wear your own clothes day each Friday until the fair. Thank you for your chocolate donations this week.

NEXT WEEK IS CHILDREN IN NEED. The children can wear their own clothes in exchange for £1. Thank you once again for your support.

### FSU Donations

We welcome donations of £1 a week/ or a half termly donation to our school fund so we can enhance our areas and support the children in their learning. Thank you to the parents who have already sent in a donation! It really does help!  
Please can we have donations of junk modelling resources, just no big boxes please.

### Christmas donations

We kindly ask for donations of Christmas resources such as craft materials, silver tinsel and white snow effect material so we can decorate our unit/classrooms ready for the festive season!



### Baptism Photographs

If your child has been baptised please send in a photo of them for us to share in class.

