



Saint Mary's R.C. Primary School

EYFS Newsletter

Friday 3rd 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 & FS2

We have been working on 'patterns' in maths focussing on various ways of making a pattern using a variety of resources. The children have been looking at patterns based on colour, shape and size using resources found in our maths area and outside e.g. red counter, green counter, red counter, green counter and conker, leaf, conker leaf. We would like your child to independently, where possible, making their own pattern using autumn things.



Topic- FS1

We have been learning about Autumn and made hedgehogs out of playdough. On Friday we talked about Bonfire night and fireworks. In Maths we have been making patterns using a variety of objects.

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

We have been learning about All Saint's Day, remembering those Saints who have died who have done wonderful things for us. We remembered our class Saint, St Francis, who loved animals and always helped people in need.

All Soul's Day is a time where we remember our family and friends who have died and talk about all the wonderful things they did to love, help and support us. On Friday we talked about Bonfire night. The children remembered what celebrations happen as we discussed fireworks etc in circle time. They made firework pictures using coloured chalk on black card, creating different patterns.

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: Autumn, leaves, hedgehogs, Bonfire night, fireworks, colours

Maths vocab: same, different, repeat, pattern

This week's songs, rhymes, poems and stories

Please sing or let your child listen to these rhymes.

Rhymes/poems and songs:

Stories: Winnie the witch

Poppies

Poppies and other gifts are now available for the children to buy in school. Please send in the correct change in an envelope with your child's name on it.

Poppy crosses £1.50

Slap bands/rulers £1.50

Wristband £1

Reflective poppy £1

Poppy 50p

Zip pull 50p

Thank you for your support.

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 £1 raffle ticket donation this week. Next Friday, **10.11.23**, our own clothes day will be for a donation of chocolate: selection boxes, boxes of chocolate, large bars etc. Thank you once again for your support.

Reading with your child

We would like to invite you to come and read a story with your child on Tuesday 7th November. Your child should have brought home a letter informing you of this opportunity. Please return the attached slip on the letter if you are able to attend. Please note that we can only accommodate **one adult per child** on this occasion. The session will start just before 2pm as we will need to let all the parents in at the same time for child protection issues.

All slips need to be returned by no later than Monday 6th November.

Baptism Photographs

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

FS2 Weekly Vocabulary

Please try to use this vocabulary with your children.

Topic Vocab: All Saints Day, St Francis, All Soul's Day, family, friends, Bonfire night, fireworks, colours

Maths vocab: pattern, same, different, matching, sorting, counting, more, fewer, equal.

This week's songs, rhymes, poems and stories

Please sing or let your child listen to these rhymes.

Rhymes/Poems and songs: Walking with Jesus, He's got the whole world, Horsie Horsie don't you stop, 5 little pumpkins.

Stories: Funny bones, Winnie the witch stories

Reading books FS2

FS2 children will be bringing home their reading folder each week now. Please read the story to them and talk about the characters and story with your child. Reading books are changed **every Thursday** after school. The new books will be sent out on Fridays. Please ensure that you sign your child's reading record each week before Thursday. If it is not in school or not signed, we will be unable to change it. Please send the reading folder into school **everyday**. Thank you!

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!

This week we have bought sand and kinetic sand with your donations.

Please can we have donations of junk modelling resources, just no big boxes please.

