



Saint Mary's R.C. Primary School

EFYS Newsletter

Friday 20th October 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

Over our half term break please can you support your child with a challenge. As part of our Maths work in Autumn 1 we have been learning about things that are long and short. For the challenge, if you go out on a walk, please could you search for some sticks and talk about which are long and short. If you find several you could play at ordering them from shortest to longest. Encourage your child to use the correct language to describe them. Please can you take a photo of your sticks and send them on dojo. We'll show the photos of sticks/your walk and talk about them in class.

FS2

Over the Half Term holiday, we would like you and your child to go on an Autumn Walk. We would like your child to make an Autumn collage/ picture, either with things they have collected on the walk or with photos of Autumn things they have found. They could even draw things they saw too. Please bring this into school after the holiday, no later than Thursday as we would love to display them.

Topic- FS1

We have been looking at the artist LS Lowry and his paintings that included cats and dogs. We have painted a cat or dog, thinking about their features and choosing appropriate colours.

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 has been Black History week. We have learnt all about Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King. The children have learnt how they have made a huge difference to our lives today by everyone having the same rights and everyone mixing and being friends, regardless of the colour of their skin! We have also learnt how Marcus Rashford, has helped feed families up to this present day.



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: Dog, cat, legs, tail, whiskers, paws.

Maths vocab: Long, shorter, shorter, longer, longest, shortest.

This week's songs, rhymes, poems and stories

Please sing or let your child listen to these rhymes.

Rhymes/poems and songs:

The Grand Old Duke of York, 5 Little ducks, 1,2,3,4,5
Once I caught a fish alive.

Stories: Eddie and dog, Brown Bear Brown Bear, I love animals, the pet shop.

FS2 Phonics

Please watch the videos we have added to dojo over the last couple of weekends, to support you in helping your child with blending and recognising letters. It is important that your child can blend consistently asap. This is when you say h-a-t and your child says hat etc.

Please support them to recognise set 1 sounds asap.

Set 1 Sounds



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. The first one will be on **3.11.23** and this will be in exchange for raffle tickets - £1 per ticket.

Language Day

We had lots of fun today celebrating England. We sang and performed two English Nursery rhymes - I'm a little teapot and The Grand old Duke of York. We have also learnt about the English Artist L.S Lowry and we created pictures in the style of Lowry.



Holiday

Just a reminder that we close on Friday 20 October for one week, returning on Monday 30 October.

FS2 Weekly Vocabulary

Please try to use this vocabulary with your children.

Topic Vocab: Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Marcus Rashford, equal, rights, friends, black, white

Maths vocab: big, medium, small, biggest, smallest, tall, short, taller, shorter.

This week's songs, rhymes, poems and stories

Please sing or let your child listen to these rhymes.

Rhymes/Poems and songs: I'm a little teapot, Grand Old Duke of York

Stories: I am enough, little people big dreams.

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!

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

