

# Reception Newsletter Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/ Guardians

Well, we have finally reached the end of an extremely unusual spring term! We are so pleased to have been able to welcome the children back to school and we are incredibly proud of the way that they have all settled back in, ready to carry on with their learning. We hope that you all have a restful Easter break and that the children manage to re-charge their batteries in order to be ready for a busy summer term.

## Next half term's learning:

Our topics will be explored over the course of 2 weeks and they are as follows:

- Pirates
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt
- Minibeasts

We will be starting our topics on pirates when we return after Easter and we have the exciting prospect of having a **'Pirate Day'**. We will be holding this in school on **Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> April**. We will be asking the children to come in dressed as a pirate for the day. We do not expect you to buy expensive and fancy pirate costumes – homemade costumes are often more effective. The children will be taking part in many different themed activities during the day from learning to speak like a pirate to walking the plank! We ask that the children's costumes enable them to be able to move freely.

## **Phonics**

We will be continuing with our daily phonics lessons. The children will still be in different groups for their lessons and as before, these groups are not set in stone so the children may well change their group from time to time in order to meet their needs. Please continue to read regularly at home with your children and ensure that the reading record is filled in.

## **Maths**

We will be counting and chanting numbers up to 20. We will be looking at the pattern of numbers and how they are sequenced. We will also be doing simple practical multiplication and division with numbers up to 20.

## **RE**

Our first topic is called 'Good News' and we will be learning about Pentecost. Father Keith will be visiting us on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April to talk about the church the role of the priest.

## **PE**

We will be doing regular PE slots after Easter and the children will need a school PE kit. We asked that this is brought in on each Monday and then we will send it home each Friday so that it can be washed.

## **Reminders**

From now on, the weekly newsletter will not be sent home directly but you will be able to view them by going on to G Suite and looking under the newsletter tab. We will continue to use Tapestry in school to capture the children's learning. However, you no longer need to use it to upload any learning carried out at home.

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## **Online safety and computing**

The first week back after the break will also be our online safety and computing week across the school. Our children will be learning to use an app called Chatterpix kids. We look forward to sharing our creations with you on G Suite later on.

We wish you all a Peaceful Easter Break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on the 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Best wishes

Reception Team