



St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

Journeying Together in Faith



Nursery Class Letter – Summer Term I 2017

Friday 21st April 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Learning

During this half term some of the themes the children will be learning about in nursery include:

New Life: At the start of the term we will be reflecting on Easter and discussing new life, knowing that God gave Jesus new life. We will be planting a range of vegetables, plants and seeds in the garden and in pots, developing our understanding of growth and change. Any donations of bedding plants / seeds etc. would be greatly appreciated.

Minibeasts: The children will be looking closely for insects around the school grounds and use view finders and magnifying glasses to look at the creatures more closely. The children will use non-fiction books to find out factual information about the insects that they find. Toy insects will be used to develop the children's counting and problem solving skills. The children will also get the opportunity to visit the school pond to do pond dipping and will create their own art work in the style of artist Monet.

Home Learning: To support your child's learning at home why not go on an insect hunt together and encourage your child to use language to talk about what they see. What features does the insect have? How do they move? Watch this clip together to see how caterpillars turn into butterflies: www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zfqd7ty

Visit this site to play some mathematics based insect games: www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/ladybird-spots

Partnership Working

We are now in the process of reviewing your child's individual next steps and will be setting some new targets where appropriate. We would like to invite you into nursery to come and have a look at your child's Learning Journey and see the next steps in their learning. We are holding open sessions on **Tuesday 9th May** and **Wednesday 10th May** from 11.45am – 12.15pm.

The children will be bringing home reading books during the next few weeks. The first stage of early reading is to develop spoken language skills and so initially the children's books will contain no words. Please support your child at home to create their own stories to accompany the pictures to develop their story telling skills.

We are continuing to develop the outdoor mud kitchen and any donations of unwanted saucepans, frying pans and kitchen utensils would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support

(Nursery Teacher)