



St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

Journeying Together in Faith



Nursery Class Letter Spring 1 2018

Things your child will be learning in the next few weeks

In nursery the children's learning is currently focused around the book *Handa's Surprise* by Eileen Brown. The children will be creating their own story maps to help them to learn to retell the story, building up their spoken vocabulary and developing their early writing skills. The terms 'characters' and 'setting' will also be introduced. Masks of the story characters will be made by the children to develop their cutting and joining skills.

The children's mathematical skills will be extended through developing accurate counting strategies and the children will be counting out fruits to put in 'Handa's' basket. The children will be taught to use the word 'total' and will develop their own methods of mathematical recording.

Things you could explore at home to help your child's learning

Please support your child's learning at home through sharing the story of *Handa's Surprise* together. The story is available on YouTube. Talk about the characters in the story and discuss the setting – where the story takes place.

Encourage your child to create a picture from the story and get them to tell you about it to develop their speaking skills.

Help your child to practice accurate counting at home ensuring that they only say one number for each item touched. Once your child has counted the objects ask them how many they have or 'What is the total?'

Things happening in school

The Early Years' outdoor area is being redeveloped, take a look at the school website to find out more.

Please take note of these points

The children change their library books every Thursday. Please ensure they bring them to school on this day.

How you can get in contact with us

The start of each school day is always very busy and it is not usually possible for staff to meet with parents at this time, however I am happy to meet with parents after the nursery session has ended.

If you have any questions or queries, then please don't hesitate to get in touch. Many thanks for your support

Miss L Cooper

Nursery Class Teacher