



St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

Journeying Together in Faith



Reception CLASS LETTER April 2018

Hope you have had a blessed Easter and are looking forward to returning to school. We have got lots of exciting learning to come this half term.

This term the reception team is being joined by Mrs. Taylor, who will be working with the class on Thursday and Friday. Mrs. Taylor has been covering supply for the class in past so knows the children already.

Things your child will be learning this half term

- We will be exploring Growing this half term as many of the children have been using the height chart to look at how they are growing and have been interested in the way the bulbs are growing in the garden. We would welcome any spare seeds that you have at home, so the children can look at them, sort them and maybe even plant a few!
- In RE we will be exploring the theme of "New Life"
- In Phonics we will be practicing writing our diagraphs "two letters that make one sound" and a few trigraphs, where "three letters make one sound" We will be using them to support us in writing words.
- A key text that we will be looking at is "Jack and the beanstalk"
- We will be working at being confident counting to 20 and building our knowledge of numbers to 100. We will be continuing to investigate how amounts can be added and subtracted. We will also be introducing doubling and halving of amounts.
- We will also be measuring in a range of contexts around our work on growing.

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

- Please continue sharing the books that we send home with your child.
- Encourage your child to write using the school handwriting font, talk about how capital letters are just for starts of sentences and names.
- See how many opportunities you can take to talk about double and half in family conversations so that your child becomes confident using them. For example sharing sweets between two people, cutting fruit, preparing tea "I have 3 fish fingers I need double that amount..."

Please take note of these points

- As we head into the warmer weather (hopefully) please make sure your child has a sun hat and either you have used a sunscreen that is long lasting before they come to school or you send them with one that they are able to apply themselves (with their name on). Also please check that all uniform, but especially jumpers and cardigans have clear names on. Your child is welcome to bring their own water bottle, but there is always a jug of water and cups that the children can access through the day as needed.
- We will put any notes and messages either in your child's book bag or school diary, please check these every night for us. We will check their book bags every morning for any messages.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE lessons are on Thursday. However your child should have their PE kit in school all week. We will be going outside this term weather allowing. • Library is on Monday. Your child gets to choose a new book to share at home from our school library. • TAPESTRY – we regularly post updates on your child's learning journal on "Tapestry". Please do enjoy looking at your child's progress and feel free to post learning that you do at home. We also share their Next Steps in learning on the site. If you are having trouble accessing the site please pop in after school and we can help you to set up your account, or you can view your child's journal on one of our computers.
How you can get in contact with us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can write a note in your child's diary. • You can stop and have a brief chat with us at the end of the day, just let us make sure that we have dismissed the other children first. • If you want a longer conversation, we can organise an appointment with you. • If it is an urgent issue, please call the school office. Alternatively, if your message isn't urgent please contact the school office via email or telephone
Many thanks for your support	
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