

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final half term of the year! This half term we will be learning about growing and change. We will be exploring the environment looking for minibeasts and different types of flowers, and finding out how things change over time. We will be taking care of caterpillars and hopefully watching them grow into beautiful butterflies. During this half term, we will also be exploring the places that we may visit (e.g. the seaside), how we get to these places and what we might see there. Also this half term we will be beginning transition work with the children and visiting Year 1 to experience it before September. More information about this will follow later in the half term. This overview will outline what the children will cover in the different areas of the curriculum, which is driven through their interests. If you have any

Important dates

18th June Reception Class Trip to Croxteth Farm.

20 June - NSPCC to speak to children

22 June - Padgate Walking Day

26 June - Sports Day

1 July - Pupil Progress Meetings Y1,3,4& 5 4.30-7pm

2 July - Pupil Progress Meetings Y1,3,4& 5 3.30-5.30pm

10/11 July - Rec, Y2 & Y6 Pupil Progress Meetings

18 July - Leavers' Mass, at 9am

19 July - Leavers' Assembly, at 9am



Learning at home

The Reading Record is an excellent way of letting me know how your child copes with their reading book. It would be very helpful if you can make a brief comment about your child's reading. Information about if they enjoyed the book, their favourite characters, the words/sounds they recognised, if they could retell the story/main facts and say what they think may happen next, are very useful.

Special Moment books are a way that you can share your child's WOW moments and interests with me. I collect them in every Monday so your child can share with the class if they have done anything different or special. Your child's Special Moments book will be back in their book bags as soon as possible.

You will find a weekly task in your child's 'Learning at home' book. The task is always based on something we have been learning about in our sessions. Completing this with your child helps you to talk with them



Key skills to focus on this half term

This half term, we are focussing on developing the following skills:

Communication and Language:

- Retelling stories and events in sequence using appropriate language.
- Answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events.

Literacy:

- Read and write simple sentences that include key words (at the back of the Reading Record).
- Secure reading and writing words that contain phase 3 sounds and begin learning phase 4 sounds.

Maths

- Recognising numerals 11–20 and beyond, counting forwards and backwards starting with different numbers (not always 1 when counting forwards or 20 when counting back).
- Identifying 1 more/less than all numbers to 20.
- Practise adding and subtracting two simple numbers.
- Using the language of heavy, light, heavier, lighter, longer, shorter.

***Practising these skills will give your child the support they need to achieve*



Water bottles and snacks

WATER: We ask the children to bring water to school everyday (please no juice or flavoured water) in a bottle with a sports top to prevent any unnecessary spillage.

SNACKS: The children need to bring a healthy snack to school Monday to Friday. They can bring fruit or cereal bars for their snack and will be given the opportunity to eat their snacks during morning playtimes. During afternoon playtime, the children are given the opportunity to choose a piece of fruit for their snack.



Catholic life of the school



This term we are looking forward to Padgate Walking Day when local schools and churches come together to celebrate the annual Walk of Faith. **Also we will be taking part in the 'Day of Many Colours' in support of Mission Togethers' fundraising 'to provide a safe and loving environment for children around the world to receive an education'. See the Mission Together website for further information.**

The Wednesday Word is available for every child to take home every Wednesday. Please look out for this and share it with your child. Additional copies are available at the school office.

PE

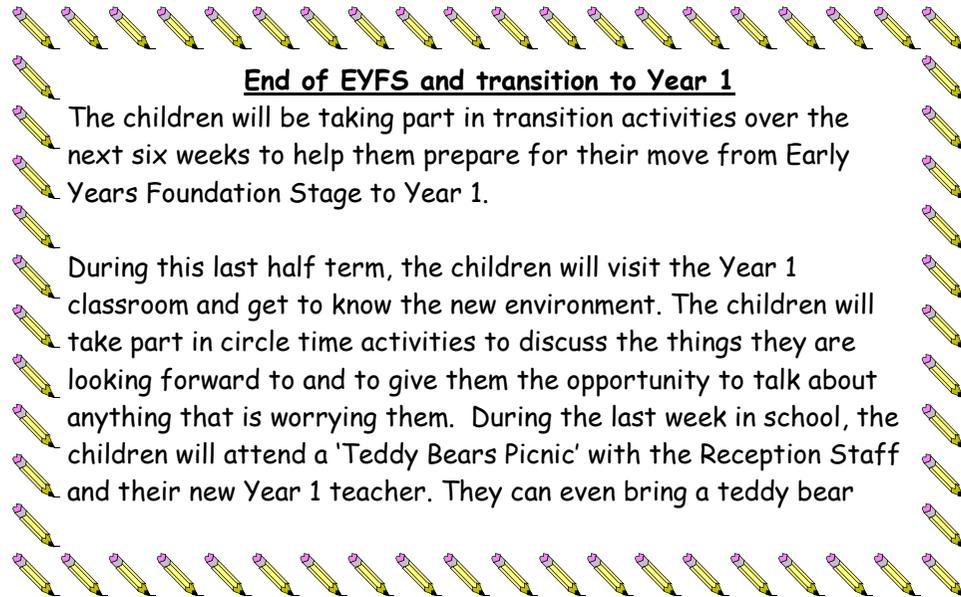


This half term, we will be doing PE on a Friday.

All the children dress and undress themselves, and organise their own belongings. Try to practise these skills at home to help your child prepare for these sessions.

Please ensure that your child has their clothes labelled. This helps them to locate their clothes if they misplace them and avoids them becoming upset.

End of EYFS and transition to Year 1



The children will be taking part in transition activities over the next six weeks to help them prepare for their move from Early Years Foundation Stage to Year 1.

During this last half term, the children will visit the Year 1 classroom and get to know the new environment. The children will take part in circle time activities to discuss the things they are looking forward to and to give them the opportunity to talk about anything that is worrying them. During the last week in school, the children will attend a 'Teddy Bears Picnic' with the Reception Staff and their new Year 1 teacher. They can even bring a teddy bear

Come and See



Each week the children take part in RE lessons taught from the 'Come and See' Religious Education programme, which all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Liverpool follow.

This half term we will be learning about:

Friends: How they make friends and how Jesus had good friends; what Jesus told us about friendship.

Our World: What we love and wonder about our world; God gave us the world.

Literacy

- Read fiction and non fiction texts about Minibeasts, Caterpillars and butterflies, and pirates.
- To show an increasing understanding of what they have read through retelling and recounting a text, and answering questions appropriately using the text.
- To consolidate phase 3 sounds and apply them to their reading and writing.
- To retell stories in sequence using story mountains and story building board games.
- To write phonetically plausible words to build sentences that can be read back by themselves.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- To explore how they have grown up.
- To talk about moving to Year 1 and the feelings involved.
- Talk about other children not always enjoying the same things.
- To confidently talk about their ideas to a group or the class.
- To be aware that they can resolve

Mathematics

- To count beyond 20 using a number square, count in tens and twos.
- Know 1 more/less than any given number to 20.
- To add and subtract two simple numbers/ amounts.
- To recognise coins (1p, 2p, 5p, 10p) and use coins to solve everyday problems.
- To double and halve simple numbers.
- To investigate the capacity of different containers and compare them.
- To recognise and describe cube, cuboid, cylinder, sphere, cone and pyramid.
- To follow directions left and right.
- To explore patterns within numbers e.g. evens and odds.
- Record some number sentences using calculation

Growing & Journeys



Understanding of the world

- To use ICT to follow directions on a treasure map e.g. using a Beebot.
- To learn how they have changed and grown up.
- To make observations and talk about changes when investigating caterpillars.
- To talk about the places they have visited and compare them to their own environment.
- To share stories from other cultures and show increasing awareness of different traditions, customs and beliefs.

Communication and Language

- To develop listening skills in a range of situations.
- To answer why and how questions about stories and events.
- To connect events and ideas when talking about experiences.
- To retell events in sequence and to use appropriate language when talking about them.
- To use imaginative vocabulary from stories and own experiences when

Expressive Arts and Design

- To create own butterfly/pirate songs, dances and stories to perform on our outdoor stage.
- To make a minibeast using modelling clay.
- To paint a picture of a bug, mixing paints to achieve the correct colours.
- To design and make a boat for the Great Reception Boat Race.
- To design, create and evaluate a home for bugs to live in.

Physical Development

- To show confidence when controlling an object when pushing, patting, batting, throwing and catching.
- To handle tools and equipment safely and with secure control e.g. pencils, scissors, construction tools.
- To use the correct grip when handling a pencil, write letters with correct letter formation and begin to write on a line.
- To talk about ways to keep healthy, safe and manage basic hygiene.

Reception End of Year Expectations

Communication and Language

Listen and Attention:

To listen attentively in a range of situations.
To listen to stories, accurately anticipating key events and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions.

To give their attention to what others say and respond appropriately, while engaged in another activity.

Understanding:

To follow instructions involving several ideas or actions.
To answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events.

Speaking:

To express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs.
To use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future.
To develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events.

Understanding of the world

People and communities:

To talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members.
To know that other children don't always enjoy the same things, and are sensitive to this. To know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions.

The world:

To know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things.
To talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another.
To make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.

Technology:

To recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools.
To select and use technology for particular purposes.

Physical Development

Moving and handling:

To show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements.
To move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space.
To handle equipment and tools effectively, including pencils for writing.

Health and self-care:

To know the importance for good health of physical exercise, and a healthy diet, and talk about ways to keep healthy and safe.
To manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs successfully, including dressing and going to the toilet independently.

Mathematics

Numbers:

To count reliably with numbers from one to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number.
To add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer.
To solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.

Shape, space and measures:

To use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money to compare quantities and objects and to solve problems.
To recognise, create and describe patterns.
To explore characteristics of everyday objects and shapes and use mathematical language to describe them.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Self-confidence and self-awareness:

To be confident to try new activities, and say why they like some activities more than others.
To be confident to speak in a familiar group, talk about their ideas, and will choose the resources they need for their chosen activities.
To say when they do or don't need help.

Managing feelings and behaviour:

To talk about how they and others show feelings, talk about their own and others' behaviour, and its consequences, and know that some behaviour is unacceptable.
To work as part of a group or class, and understand and follow the rules.
To adjust their behaviour to different situations, and take changes of routine in their stride.

Making relationships:

To play co-operatively, taking turns with others.
To take account of one another's ideas about how to organise their activity.
To show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings, and form positive relationships with adults and other children.

Literacy

Reading:

To read and understand simple sentences.
To use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately.
To read some common irregular words.
To demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read.

Writing:

To use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. To write some irregular common words.

Expressive Arts and Design

Exploring and using media and materials:

To sing songs, make music and dance, and experiment with ways of changing them.
To safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.

Being imaginative:

To use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes.
To represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role play and stories.