

St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Primary School

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14



Curriculum Update

Spring Term 2 - Reception



Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter informs you about what your child will be learning at school in the second half of the spring term. We hope that you will be able to help your child explore and discuss these areas at home through some of the following ideas:

- researching areas at the local library and helping your child develop their library skills
- searching with them on the internet for child friendly material and relevant websites
- watching relevant television programmes that may support their work, or visiting a museum
- Read with them throughout the week. If they read 3 or more times, they will receive a raffle ticket which will be entered into the Golden Ticket Tea Party prize draw
- **and, most importantly, talking to your child about what they have done at school! Listen to what they have learned and praise their achievements!**

Topic	Our Learning
<p data-bbox="177 1346 421 1429">Once Upon a Time</p> 	<p data-bbox="496 1211 1489 1429">As we start this half term we will be looking into a range of different stories and nursery rhymes. The nursery rhymes include; Incy Wincy Spider, 10 green bottles, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk and many more. If you have a childhood favourite of your own, it would be lovely to share this with your child.</p> <p data-bbox="496 1469 1489 1727">We are already getting excited for World Book Day! We love to read lots of books in school and we want to inspire children to read a range of different books. In EYFS we are very lucky to have a dinosaur day on the Thursday. The children will dig for fossils and find out/work out which fossil links to which dinosaur. They will then meet some baby dinosaurs (animatronic).</p> <p data-bbox="496 1767 1489 2089">Through these books and rhymes we will be talking to the children about their favourite book as well as talk about the different characters in those books. We will work through descriptions of the characters and how the characters have changed over time. We will be supporting the children to read a range of HRSW in a sentence which will slowly increase their fluency and develop their understanding of what has been read. They can then use that to help them make accurate predictions on what could happen next.</p>

We continue to move through Lent towards Easter. The children have thought about their own Lenten promises and things that we could try to do as a class as well as thinking about the 40 acts of kindness. We will explore the Easter story in detail and through a range of different methods we will be retelling this important season in the church's calendar.

Through maths we will be continuing to deepen the children's understanding of number as we look at numbers from 0-20. We will be recapping number bonds to 5 and our subitising skills. We will also be comparing amounts and using vocabulary such as more, less, fewer, most, least and the same. We will be exploring if the answer becomes bigger or smaller. We will be looking at repeating patterns that include 2 or more objects or colours for the children to work out the pattern.

In phonics we will be expanding our sound knowledge by learning more vowel digraphs and trigraphs. Don't forget to access your weekly decodable e-books for reading at home and record that you have read in the reading records. These are closely matched to the sounds we have been learning in class, as well as books suitable for your child's phonic ability.

Through expressive art and design the children will be able to explore colour, design, texture and function. They will be set challenges to select the correct tools and techniques for a specific task.

Thank you for your continued support!

A Christian community where children are known by name and loved, which empowers them to learn and to grow in faith, knowledge and fellowship.

