

Class Assembly

St Francis' assembly will take place on **February 1st at 9.00 am** and St Joseph's assembly is **Friday 8th February at 9.00 am**. We are really excited to show you our fantastic learning from RE and hope you will be able to come along and join us! Following assembly there will be refreshments in the Community Room.

Moral / Religious Development

In RE will be learning about Baptism, Lent and Easter. If your child has any photos from their baptism, please bring them in to share with the class.

- ⇒ I know that through Baptism we become part of God's family.
- ⇒ I can identify some of the symbols of Lent and Easter.

Maths

We will be focussing on recognising Numicon shapes by sight (without counting the holes) to support us with simple addition. We will label a range of simple 2d shapes and talk about their properties. We will continue to find 1 more than a given number and begin to look at 1 less. This will lead on to some simple subtraction work.

- ⇒ I am beginning to use shape names like 'circle' and 'square'.
- ⇒ I can use words like 'add' and 'more'.
- ⇒ I can tell you one more when you say a given number
- ⇒ I can tell you what 'one more' and 'one less' is when you give me a group of up to 5 things and then up to 10 things.

Welcome Back

Dear Parents,

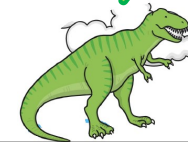
We hope that you had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas period and would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year. The children have now been in school for a whole term and have settled into the routine well. During this term the children will participate in focused activities for longer and will be encouraged to work independently on tasks.

If your child had their birthday during last half term they are no longer entitled to free milk. If you wish for your child to continue to have milk, the cost is **£12** per term. Please could you send money into class in a clearly labelled envelope.

Can we please remind you to ensure all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their full names. Could we also ask you to return any spare clothes that your child may have borrowed last term. Thank you for your continuing support,
Foundation Staff



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What are we Learning About?

Work in the Foundation Stage follows the children's individual needs and interests through planned play experiences which makes their learning active and meaningful. This term we are exploring the topic of 'Winter' and 'Dinosaurs' and will be looking at fiction, non-fiction and poetry. An Egg will be arriving a class for the children to look after before it hatches into a baby dinosaur! After half term our topic will be Growth and change - we are very lucky to be looking after some real life eggs which we will care for until they hatch into chicks.

Please note, the text in **bold** are objectives and skills we will be developing over the term.

Continuing the learning at home

We would like to thank you for the hard work and support that you are giving your children at home. It would be beneficial if, over the next term, you could work on the following skills;

- Continue to learn to read the Reception High Frequency Words by sight.
- Start to spell the High Frequency words.
- Practise Set 2 sounds
- Continue reading every night and sign your child's diary, adding any comments or concerns.
- Recognise numerals to 20
- Order a complete and incomplete set of numbers.

Literacy

Children will be introduced to non-fiction texts and will understand how to use these. They will use their phonic knowledge to "pinch" their sounds and record these sounds in sequence to write simple words and simple sentences. They will use example genres, such as letters, fact files, recipes and instructions as a basis for their own writing. They will begin to use simple punctuation such as finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.

- ⇒ I like to share different books, including fact books, poems and stories
- ⇒ I can look in books and on websites to find out more things.
- ⇒ I can write labels for things
- ⇒ I can write a short captions

Understanding the World

Children will develop an understanding of what happens during the cold winter months and how the Earth has changed since Dinosaurs became extinct. They will understand that this happened many, many years ago. They will understand what seeds and animals need in order to grow and will talk about the changes that have taken place.

- ⇒ I can talk about how things change, like seeds growing into sunflowers
- ⇒ I can talk about how things look the same or different