

Reception - Kinder

Hello and welcome to Reception!



WOW! What a fantastic week we have shared with your child. We hope you agree when we say that they have settled into school life amazingly; confidently coming into school, following routines and making new friends. Over the coming weeks the EYFS staff will be busy observing how your child plays and learns and we will enjoy getting to know them all.

The information in our newsletter should hopefully answer any questions you may have regarding your child's learning, however, if you would still like to speak to a member of the EYFS Team we would be happy to arrange a meeting after school.

A member of staff will be at the school gate every morning if you have any message or urgent concerns.

Maths

We will be using the White Rose Maths scheme alongside the EYFS standards. This scheme is adopted across the whole school and is designed to spark curiosity and excitement and confidence in maths. In reception we will focus on helping all children to build a deep understanding of number, shape and space.



You can help your child by; playing counting games, such as snakes and ladders, looking for shapes in the environment and practicing number formation.

Reading

In a few weeks once all the assessments in all areas are complete, your child will be given their first book. We ask that you share the book with your child each evening and sign their reading record, we love to read comments about your child's reading experiences!

It is an exciting time for Phonics and Early reading at Saint Mary's as we continue to embed our phonics scheme, Little Wandle into our daily timetable.



Religious Education

At Saint Mary's Academy we take pride in following our school mission statement; Reception will enjoy joining in with singing, daily prayer, collective worship and weekly RE lessons which will develop their understanding of Catholic beliefs and practices as well as a wider understanding of the world.

Writing

Children are given opportunities to write in all areas of our classroom. All mark making has a meaning in Reception and we encourage every child to do some pencil work each day.

Initially, we will be practicing pencil grip and writing our names, focusing on correct letter formation and in-





Physical Education

Every **FRIDAY** your child will take part in a class PE session. This will focus on various skills such as, throwing, catching, balancing and dance. We ask that your child comes to school dressed in their school PE kit and trainers (this can be adapted to suit the current weather leggings/joggers and the school logo blue t-shirt.)

Snacks and water

School will provide each child with a piece of fruit and cup of milk each day, which is shared during morning breaktime. Each **Friday** your child can bring a treat snack from home, this can be a packet of crisp, snack bar etc

Each child in Reception is entitled to free milk until their 5th birthday, once they turn five you are able to purchase milk via our supplier 'Cool milk', information is available from the office.

We encourage children to bring a labelled water bottle from home, which can be used throughout the day, this will be refilled daily in school and sent home every Friday. Please send water only.

It is essential that you inform us if your child



Dough Disco

To assist with fine motor skills, each day we will take part in 'Dough Disco' sessions. These are fun short sessions which encourage movement and strength in your child's fingers using play dough. If you wish to try these at home short sessions are available on YouTube.



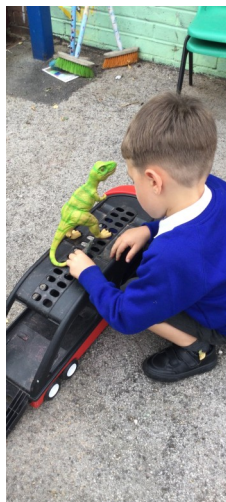
Experiences

To help us settle into Reception we have been sharing familiar books around the theme of All about Me and the World Around Us. ! The class will enjoy joining in with repeated phrases and retelling these stories through play.

In the coming weeks our work in class will have a Geography focus and will be linked to the big question "What's down my street?" We will be talking about our families, explore our local area and use our observations to make models.

Smile4Life

At Saint Mary's we are very lucky to be part of the Smile4Life early years scheme. Children in Reception will brush their teeth after lunch, using their own school toothbrush, the scheme aims to teach children the importance of brushing their teeth. This is as an addition to brushing at home.



Finally, we would like to say a huge "Welcome" to Reception and we look forward to getting to know each and everyone of you.

Best wishes Miss Osborne, Mrs. Fletcher,

Ms. Howard and Mrs. Jones

If you need to contact Miss Osborne or Mrs. Fletcher at any time please telephone or email the school office: info@mgl.srscmat.co.uk who will be happy to forward on any messages.