



# Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

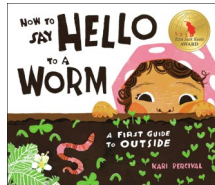
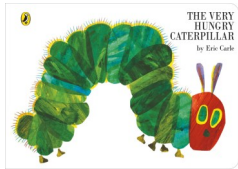
## Kinder Pentecost I Newsletter

Welcome back after the Easter break, we hope you all had the opportunity to spend time together as a family, with lots of fun, rest and chocolate! This half term marks the start of the final term in Kinder class and we hope the children will continue to make us proud with their enthusiasm and love of learning.

### Literacy

Children will continue to follow the Little Wandle scheme for phonics and reading; exploring a new book each Monday—Wednesday which will be sent home every Wednesday to share at home. The children are making amazing progress and we thank you for all the additional support and time you give at home.

Our text this half term are:



We will also be using non-fiction text to learn about plants and animals.

### Writing

Each week the children are taking part in writing sessions linked to our topic. The children are beginning to recognise when to use a capital letter and full stops and are writing more independently. During this term they will be writing instructions, captions and labels. As well as opportunities to write in our writing area, mark making and role-play.

This term we are focusing on forming all our letters correctly and spelling words recognising the sounds we hear.

### Numeracy

In numeracy the children now have a good understanding of number, shape and measure. We continue to learn numeracy each day and practice our number formation.

Our areas of learning this half term inline with the White Rose curriculum are: Numbers beyond 10—children will become confident in recognising patterns and number bonds. Counting on and back from a given number.

Adding and subtracting to find a total—using objects and equipment. Recognising 3d and 2d shapes, and manipulating shapes to create patterns and designs.

The children will continue to recognise and order the days of the week and months of the year.

We will look at the passing of time using the terms, before, after, later, morning, afternoon, evening.





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### Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Spring has Sprung' (Finally!) and we are very excited to learn all about the changes spring will bring, from the flowers that grow to the babies that are born during this season.

The children will be learning about life cycles; this will include: the stages of a plants growth, insects including butterflies and frogs (which we hope will return to our pond).

The children will be spending lots of time outside, observing the changes they see and also helping to create a beautiful garden, by planting seeds and weeding. We will also be looking at how we can look after our planet, through recycling.



### A little request

As the weather is now improving we are hoping to spruce up the Kinder garden area. We kindly ask that if you have any bags of compost (even half empty ones!), plants, herbs or seeds looking for a new home, please consider bringing to school for us to use. We already have lots of pots but will happily re-home more. Thank you xxxxxxxx

### PE

PE will continue to take place every Wednesday and your child should come to school in their school PE kit and trainers.

### Forest school

Forest school takes place every Thursday after—please refer to forest school letter regarding appropriate clothing and footwear.

### Home school Diary

Please continue to write in your child's homeschool diary, it is important that your child reads at least 3 times a week and practices their sounds. The progress every child in Kinder has made is amazing and we thank you for all the support they receive at home.

### RE

We are continuing with our new RE curriculum and this half term the children will be—'To the ends of the Earth'

In this branch children will understand that: Jesus returned to his Father, the Holy Spirit was sent by Jesus to look after us on Earth, to know the term Pentecost and how this is a special celebration in the church, and recognise the church is a special place where people gather and celebrate.