

## Reception Newsletter

### Summer 2 2024

Welcome back! As we enter the final half-term of the school year, we have lots of exciting new topics to look forward to. We will also be taking part in sports day and transition activities in preparation for moving up to the next class. We understand transition times can be unsettling for both children and parents. The children will be well supported in order for a smooth transition to Year 1.

If you have any questions, you can always send us a message on Class Dojo. Please allow staff time to respond to any messages.

Thank you for your continuous support.

The Reception Team

### English

This half-term we will be reading a variety of texts including *We're going on a bear hunt* and *Where's my teddy?* We will continue to encourage the children to write simple sentences by themselves using finger spaces between each word and a full stop at the end.

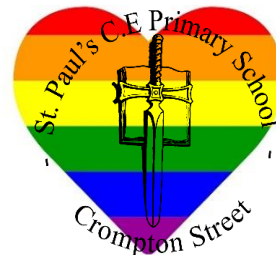
**Phonics** - We will continue using the Essential Letters and Sounds programme for our daily phonics sessions. We will be revisiting Phase 3 and 4 and spelling tricky words from memory. Tricky words are the words that cannot be sounded out e.g. the, my, I, was, she. Phonics assessments are carried out each half-term to monitor each child's progress.

### Maths

In Maths, we are going to be using 'first, then, now' number stories to help us to find the answer to a question. This will include recalling bonds to 5 and some bonds to 10. We will continue to count beyond 20 and will spend time consolidating our work on doubling and halving ready for our transition to Year 1.

### P.E.

Reception will continue to have P.E. on a Wednesday afternoon with Ed Start. All children are to come to school dressed in their P.E. kit on a Wednesday. This must be plain joggers, a plain hoodie or red school jumper/cardigan, red P.E. t-shirt and trainers. Thank you for your support with this last half-term. The children all looked really smart.



### R.E.

This half-term our unit is 'Which stories are special and why?' We will be learning about Christian stories from the Bible. As part of this unit we will listen to and talk about Muslim and Hindu religious stories.

### Reading Books



Reading as regularly as possible to an adult can really help your child progress. We would like to see your child read their school reading books a minimum of FIVE times a week. Once they have read to an adult, the adult should sign their reading record. Reading books are changed every Monday as long as your child's reading record has been signed. Children who have read 7 times in a week, on three separate occasions within a half-term, receive a small prize. Well done to the children who have already received one of these prizes!

In guided reading, the children are working on their decoding and comprehension skills. We have been really impressed with their reading progress this year. Whilst reading in a small group, the children are encouraged to answer questions about what they have read.

### Things to remember:

- Please name EVERYTHING!
- A water bottle (filled with water only please)
- Reading books everyday
- A small, healthy morning snack (if desired)
- A sun hat and sun cream

### Understanding the World

This half-term our topic is 'Our beautiful world.' We will continue to explore the world around us and also look at the wider world. We will be exploring different countries and cultures around the world. Thank you for all the lovely projects that have been sent in.