



Christmas at the farm.

Christingle Service with our Advent Prayer Buddies.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope you have had a fabulous Christmas time.

We have had such a wonderful half term in nursery learning about "The Frozen World" and of course Christmas. The weather is changing. It is getting much colder with some snow and ice so please make sure your children are dressed for the icy temperatures. The children need coats, hats and gloves every day and some days it would be advisable to wear wellies.

What are we learning this half term?

Our topic this half term is 'Space'. We will be exploring space and the different planets.

As part of the topic, children will gain an understanding of "Space" and will look at different planets. We will talk about how we get to space and travel in space. We will look at astronauts and create a space station role-play area where the children can take on the role of an astronaut (or an alien). We will learn about day and night and have many opportunities to play and work with magnets and to learn about forces- push and pull.

In maths, we will focus on 2D and 3D shapes, making our own rockets and flying saucers. There will be lots of space counting to five both forwards and backwards when we launch out rockets. We will make rockets out of our recycled boxes (thinking about our planet) and will be looking at the artist Mondrian when we make our very own star constellation.

In RE we are focusing on "Celebration" looking at how the parish family celebrates. Our focus is on Jesus as a role model and looking at relationships and what makes a good friend.

Even though we follow topics our learning is tailored to each child and always takes into account their likes and interests. To see a breakdown of our learning for this half-term for all 7 areas of learning, please see our curriculum topic web.

PE

Our PE days are going to be Wednesdays. Please ensure your child wears trainers on this day.

Homework

A nursery lending library can be found in the cloakroom, you can choose one book with your child to take home and share together as many times as you like, all we ask is that you return the book before you choose another one. We send home song sheets/nursery rhymes with the weekly Makaton signs on the back, please practice the signs with your children and have fun singing the songs together.

I have included in each child's book bag a name card and a white board pen so they can practice overwriting, copying or writing their own names at home as well as in nursery.

Class page

On the school website we have a Nursery class page where you will find all information specific to Nursery. There is also an image gallery where we add photographs of our learning in and around the nursery- take a look, they are lovely. I have added many Christmas pictures!

Coats, hats and wellies

In Nursery we love to be outside, no matter what the weather. Please make sure your child brings their coat, hats and gloves and wellies when it is wet. As with their uniform, please can all items brought into school be clearly labelled with their names to avoid any mix-ups.

And finally...

As always we are excited for our next topic and the new learning that will come with it. If you are unsure of anything at any time or wish to see us about anything concerning your child please do not hesitate to come and speak to us, we are always available at the end of each day. If you would like to arrange an appointment to see me, please contact me on my email at <u>kburridge@stmarys.romerocat.com</u> or the school office on <u>sbm@stmarys.romerocat.com</u>.

Many thanks, Mrs Burridge and Mrs. Middleton