

EYFS CLASS NEWSLETTER

Nursery

Summer 1 2023



Dinosaurs and science week investigations



Making pancakes

Hello Everyone! We hope you have had a lovely time during the Easter break.

We had such a wonderful half term in nursery learning about “Dinosaurs/Easter and Growing”. Easter is a special time, the time for new life and we have enjoyed looking at the animals and their babies and as always planting and watching our garden grow. We have learnt about healthy foods and have started to grow some for ourselves. During the half term, we had science week where we turned into palaeontologists, studying fossils and ice to find dinosaurs. It was also Red Nose Day where we promoted our British Values by donating money and selling cakes to raise money to help others.

What are we learning this half term?

Our topic this half term is ‘Once Upon a Time’. We will be looking at fairy tales and make believe stories. Talking about the different characters in stories and discussing where they lived. Looking at castles and palaces and finding out what these buildings were/are actually used for. We will be learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and will have our own butterfly garden where we will have our own Painted Lady caterpillars that we will look after and watch them change. This is an amazing opportunity for the children to see the full life cycle of a butterfly.

We will listen to lots of fabulous stories throughout the topic.

In maths, we will focus on recognising numerals 0-5 and will be focusing on matching digits to amounts up to five. We will practice counting actions such as fairy jumps, dragon claps and giant steps. When we count, we will try to mark down the amount on a white board or clipboard using numbers, marks or symbols.

In RE we are focusing on “Good News” and “Friends” where the children will discover how everyone has good news to tell and that good news makes us happy. They will learn that Pentecost celebrates the good news of Jesus. We will talk about how to be 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.

Also included in each child's book bag is your child's 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.

Coats, hats and wellies

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

New Nursery Opening/Closing Times

Just a reminder of the session times:

AM Session 8.45 am – 11.45 am

PM Session 12.15 pm 3.15pm

Please could you make sure the children are collected on time, thank you.

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 kburridge@stmarys.romerocat.com or the school office on sbm@stmarys.romerocat.com.

Many thanks,

Mrs Burridge and Mrs. Plant.