

EYFS CLASS NEWSLETTER

Nursery

Spring Term 2 2022



Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer



The Space Wonder Dome!

Hello Everyone! We hope you have had a lovely break.

We have had such a wonderful half term in nursery learning about "Space". The children (and staff) had the most amazing experience inside the Space Wonder Dome where we saw the planets and stars and met Ben who told us lots of exciting things about Space. We have made rockets, painted and made stars and planets and turned ourselves into astronauts and aliens and travelled to the moon (and back), the Space topic has been fabulous!

What are we learning this half term?

Our topic this half term is 'Farm/Easter and Growing'. We will be looking at life on the farm, looking at farm animals and their babies and finding out how they sound, look and feel and where and how they live. Looking at different categories of animals- farm, pet, wild etc. and learning that not all animals are pets. We will learn that animals need to be cared for or they will get sick but wild animals fend for themselves.

During this topic we will find out where our food comes from, matching food products to the animal and learning about the importance of healthy eating and about looking after ourselves. The children will gain an understanding of the job of the farmer and will look at what he does in different seasons. We will talk about animals that work on the farm and look back at farming traditions and how farming and farm vehicles have changed over the years.

Part of our new topic is “Growing” so we will be busy inside and outside planting and growing our flowers, fruit and vegetables just like the busy farmers. We will also be looking at growth and changes over time, learning about life cycles. We will be watching the life cycle of a frog very carefully as we are hoping to collect frog spawn for our garden. The children will have the opportunity to watch the wonderful changes every day.

It is also Easter during this half term and the children will learn about Lent and the Easter Story and know that it is the time of hope and new life. We will enjoy lots of Easter activities including making our Easter Garden, our “Easter Egg Hunt”, Easter Bonnets, cards and lots of Easter cooking. Not forgetting other celebrations like St Patrick’s Day and Mother’s Day.

In maths, we will focus on comparing weight, size, length and capacity and will be focusing on matching digits to amounts up to 5. When we play “animal” skittles we will try and mark down our scores on a white board or score board using numbers, marks or symbols.

In RE we are focusing on “Gathering” and “Growing” where the children will discover how and what activities children and families like to do together, recognising that the Parish Family gather together for mass to listen to God’s word. They will learn that Lent is a time for growing in love. Our focus is on loving others and looking at relationships and learning how to keep ourselves safe.

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.

Promoting British Values

British Values are at the heart of our nursery and learning. Nursery is a place where we learn to respect the culture/ beliefs of each other and know that we are all special. We learn to shared and help each other and to listen and respect each other’s opinions and ways, we believe in treating everyone equally. Every day we follow the nursery rules and are learning right from wrong and beginning to understand that there are consequences to our actions. Values do not grow by themselves so it is important to help shape and encourage our children’s growing ideas and beliefs.

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, hats and gloves and wellies when it is cold and wet. As with their uniform, please can all items brought into school be clearly labelled with their names to avoid any mix-ups.

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. Middleton