

ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Foundation Summer Newsletter



St Teresa's
Catholic Primary School

"DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL"

Dear Parents/Carers,

CURRICULUM:

Our topic this half term is Minibeasts and growing. We will be growing different types of plants, focusing on the different parts they are made up of and what they need to grow. We will also look at the different types of minibeasts there are, their features and focusing on the lifecycle of a butterfly. After the May half term, we will be focusing on farms and farm animals and jungles and jungle animals. We would really appreciate if you could talk to your child about these topics.

READING:

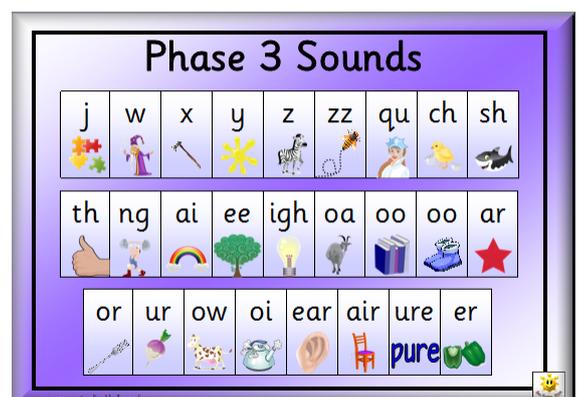
We aim to develop a love of reading and we hope you encourage your child to foster this by sharing lots of stories together. Please read with your child every night and ensure that you write in their organiser **5 times every week** so we know that they have read at home and can award them with their reading sticker. Your child needs to bring their reading book and yellow organiser to school every day. They also need to bring their bear word book to school every day, these are checked once a week. There are 7 bear words to get through and 6 lion words to get through. The children will need to know how to read these by the time they leave Foundation. Please ensure your child is also logging onto **Reading Eggs** every week to complete their set tasks.

MATHS:

In maths, this term the children will be focusing on counting to 100 fluently. They will also learn to count in their 10's, 2's and 5's. They will practise recognising, ordering and writing their numbers to 20, ensuring each number is formed correctly.

PHONICS:

Children have now learnt all their phase 2 sounds. This term they will focus on learning, recognising and reading phase 3 sounds. If you would like to practise these at home with you child, type in 'jolly phonics phase 3 sounds' onto YouTube where several videos will demonstrate how the sound is pronounced and the action to match.



UNIFORM/ P.E:

Please label all of your child's clothes with their name. Lots of children misplace their jumpers and this ensures that they get them back at the end of the day. All P.E kits also need to be labelled with the children's name. For P.E (**every Friday**), children should wear a white top, black bottoms and their school jumper. Children should wear black plimsols and not trainers. If your child does not have the correct P.E kit, they should come to school in their school uniform.

WATER BOTTLES:

Children are allowed to bring a water bottle to school. Please write your child's name on these too. A reminder that only water is allowed in their bottles and no juice. There is also water and cups available in the classroom for children to access whenever they would like water.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please listen to your children read at least five times a week, as this will really benefit their progress this year. Ensure your child is logging onto Reading Eggs every week. Talk about the topics we are learning at school with your child. Hear your child count at home and help them recognise numbers and write them.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bank Holiday: 3rd May

Minibeasts Ball Day: 7th May

Please send your child into school dressed as a minibeast of their choice.

Half-term: 29^h May - 6th June

Farmers Day: 18th June

Please send your child into school dressed as a farmer.

Visit from Animal Club: 23rd June

We will have a person coming in to show and talk about some animals to the children.

Class swap: 7th and 8th of July

Children will visit and meet their new class teacher, for next year.

Choral Speaking: 12th July

Children will perform a poem that they have learnt. You will be invited to watch this.

Sports Day: 16th July

Class swaps: 20th and 21st July

Children will visit and meet their new class teacher, for next year.

Please contact us if you have any concerns or worries.

Foundation Team

Miss Mumtaz and Miss Savage