



Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God.

Dates for your Diary:

'Stay and Play' sessions:  
 FS1: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March  
 FS2: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March  
 (More details of timings to follow.)  
 Easter celebration workshops will take place after the Easter break on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April.  
 (Further details will be provided before we break up.)

Advance notice: We will be taking all FS1 and FS2 children on a school trip to Nell Bank, Ilkley on the 26<sup>th</sup> May. FS1 children (both sessions) will need to be with us all day from 8:30am until 3.15pm.

During Lent we will be raising money for The Good Shepherd Appeal.

## 'Our Learning' Foundation Stage Spring Term 2

Please Help Us:

You can help us by continuing to ensure that your child comes to school prepared for all weathers with warm outer clothing (including hats, scarves and gloves). Please make sure your child has these items with them and that they are named. We also often have problems linking cardigans and jumpers to their owners at home time! These too **MUST** be named.

If your child has recently borrowed such items we ask that you please return them to Foundation Stage. If your child often has accidents please bring spare socks/tights/underwear and keep them in a bag on your child's peg.

RE

During this half term, our R.E. theme is 'Joy and Sorrow'. It is Lent and we start to look forward to Easter. This is a time when we reflect on our lives and on how the things we do affect the lives of others. It is difficult for young children to realise that we are all capable of hurting others and to know that when we do so we should feel sorry and try to be kind.

They will begin to understand that Jesus forgave those who hurt him and teaches us to forgive people who hurt us.

At home you can help by:

- \* Encouraging your child to recognise when they have hurt someone. (It is particularly difficult for young children to grasp the idea that someone's feelings can be hurt.)
- \* Giving gentle reminders to say sorry in times of conflict, taking time to talk things over quietly so that you child thinks about what has happened.
- \* Encouraging your child to give some small gift to a charitable cause and explain to them what the charity does to help people.
- \* Taking your child to the Lenten Worships in school at 8:20am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (Small Hall) between now and when we break up for Easter.

Theme

The theme for this half term is 'Space'.

We will be beginning this topic by looking at the planets. This will be followed by stories about the moon, astronauts and aliens.

FS1 children will continue to learn a variety of songs and rhymes.

FS2 children will continue to read and write cvc and cvcc words. They will also write captions and labels and sentences about 'Space'.

Children will role play scenarios from the stories and be encouraged to use vocabulary associated with the theme.

The children will look for signs of spring in the garden and paint using spring colours.

In the Creative Area the children will paint scenarios from the stories. They will also make rockets, aliens, spring flowers etc.

Many of these activities will be carried out indoors and outdoors.

Mathematical Development

During this half term we will continue with counting and number recognition to 20 and beyond.

FS2 will continue to work on their passport targets and solve mathematical problems by adding and subtracting on a number line. They will start to use jottings to solve a problem.

The children will also be learning about measuring length, height and weight and the associated vocabulary. We will also use mathematical vocabulary related to 2D and 3D shape.

The children develop mathematical skills and access mathematical activities in all areas of provision on a daily basis.

Website

Log onto our website where you will find lots of free resources in the Curriculum section...

[www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk](http://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk)

Is there anything we need to know?

If you have information about your child that needs to be passed on please don't hesitate to contact us.

The most convenient times to meet privately with staff are as follows:

FS1 am and pm groups ~ after each session.

FS2 ~ at the end of each school day (excluding Mondays).

If there is a pressing matter that needs to be shared urgently please see us in the morning (FS1 am + FS2) or at the beginning of the afternoon session (FS1 pm group).

Homework

All children can take a library book home on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child has a book bag in school with them every day; they will not be allowed to take home a school reading book or a school library book without one.