

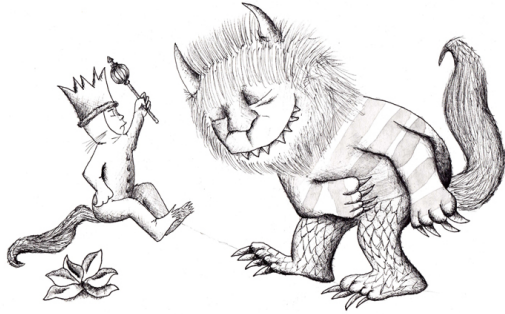


EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE SUMMER 2 NEWSLETTER 2017



Welcome to our final half term, where has the year gone!

Topic



Our topic in the final half term is 'Going Wild'. We will begin by exploring the fantastic text 'Where the Wild Things Are'. This imaginative book really engages the children in story telling/writing, improves their understanding of how books are structured and helps develop their imaginations. We will then move on to finding out about wild animals and their habitats. Finally we will discover all about underwater worlds and the creatures that live under the sea. We will be playing with boats, making treasure maps and talking about holidays to the seaside. This topic has something for everyone, whether they are landlubbers or water babies.

Religious Education

In this half term the theme is 'The Church'.

By now the children will have a real sense of 'belonging' to their class and school community. The children will begin to learn that they belong to the Church family. We are hoping to take the children to visit St. Patrick's Church, Birstall over the coming weeks.



You can help your child by:

- Taking part in the Church's celebration each week at Mass.
- Helping your child to learn the simple familiar prayers e.g. the Sign of the Cross, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, morning prayer, night prayer, etc. This can be done easily by simply saying the prayers regularly with them.
- Helping your child to recognise people in their Church family, e.g. the priest and altar servers as well as the other members of the parish.
- Encouraging your child to take part in the Children's Liturgy (if there is one at your church).
- Giving your child a simple children's Mass book with pictures and pointing out to them what is happening.
- Spending some quiet time before or after Mass (or other suitable time) to point out the tabernacle where Jesus is present in a special way. By using these long words (with a simple explanation) the child will become familiar with them.
- Teaching your child to genuflect or bow the head towards the tabernacle as a sign of reverence before they enter the bench.

- Helping them to appreciate the different people involved in keeping the church beautiful because it is God's House and a place of prayer.

Wet mornings



On rainy mornings Reception children are to go into the hall, an adult must stay with them until the bell rings; two members of staff will come and collect them from the hall.

Nursery children please come around to the classroom, as usual, and shelter under the canopy.

Nursery Drop-Off

To further develop the children's independence and their transition into Reception. Can we ask, where possible, that children enter the Early Year's Unit on their own. Shortly after starting Reception the children will begin to line-up in the playground with the rest of school.

Names

Please ensure all property, including; school uniform, coats, shoes, bags and lunchboxes are named so they can be identified quickly. We always try to return lost property, however this is extremely difficult if it is not named.

Reception Reports

If your child is in Reception, you will receive a school report in early July and this will contain details of which class your child will be in next year. This decision is not taken lightly and is made in your child's best interests.

Trip

On Thursday 13th July we are taking the whole of the Early Years Foundation Stage Unit (Nursery and Reception) for a full day of fun to the Rainbow Factory, in Farsley, which aims to inspire a love of reading and use of imagination. ***Please note that Nursery will be then closed on Friday 14th July*** In order to help with the cost of admission, coach travel and insurance, we would be grateful if you could make a contribution of £15.00 per child. Please return the signed permission slip along with your contribution, no later than Friday 30th June.

Sun safety



As we hope to see some more sun this half term please could we remind you to send your child to school with a named sun hat. Sun cream should be applied before school, however if you feel it needs to be topped up during the day, children can bring in their own, named lotion to apply themselves.

Thank you for all your support throughout the year, we hope you all have a fun filled summer!

The Early Years Foundation Stage Team