



EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE SUMMER 2 NEWSLETTER 2018



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

Topic



Again following our children's interests our topic in the final half term is 'It's a Bug's Life'. This topic will provide us with lots of opportunity to further explore the curriculum area 'Understanding the World', as well as continued opportunities for writing and number work. The children will be fortunate enough to watch the life cycle of a butterfly from their classroom, making observations and writing about the changes. Our focus author this half term is Eric Carle who wrote various books, including 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. It would be fantastic if you could share any books by this author at home or visit the local library to borrow books by him.

Religious Education

In this half term the theme is 'Our Church Family'.

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.

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.

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.

Nursery Parent Conferences

Appointments will be available to come and speak to us to discuss your child's development in the week commencing 18th June, please see a member of the team to make a mutually convenient appointment.

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.

Trip

On Thursday 19th July we are planning to take the whole of the Early Years Foundation Stage Unit (Nursery and Reception) to Tropical Butterfly House Wildlife and Falconry Centre, near Sheffield, to extend the children's understanding of lifecycles and animals. ***Please note that Nursery will be then closed on Friday 20th 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 £16.00 per child. Please return the signed permission slip along with your contribution, no later than Friday 29th June.

Football week



FIFA WORLD CUP
RUSSIA 2018

To celebrate the beginning of the FIFA World Cup we will be having a football week, with a focus on learning about the host country Russia and practising our football skills. On Wednesday 13th June the children are encouraged to come in sports clothing.

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

The Early Years Foundation Stage Team