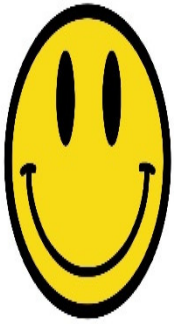


Reception Class Newsletter

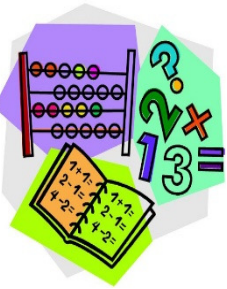


Hello and welcome to Reception class. The children have begun to settle in beautifully and we are delighted to finally meet you all.

This term our main objective is to ensure that your child feels happy, safe and secure at St Mary's. I am also compiling individual assessments for each child and there will be an opportunity for you to see these during parents' evenings on Tuesday 17th or Wednesday 18th October.



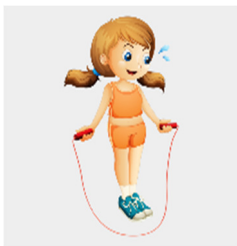
Our Big Question this first half term asks "Who is all aboard...?" This invites our new reception children to 'come on board' and begin their learning journey at St. Mary's through a pirate theme. We will look at and create simple maps and learn about different types of homes and houses. We will find about famous pirates in History.



In Maths we will be practicing counting fingers, objects and along a numberline. Children will practice 'subitising' which means immediately recognizing small amounts of objects without counting. We will also practice sorting, matching amounts up to 10 and creating patterns.



Our topic in R.E. will be 'I am Special' and we will learn about how we are all different and that is o.k. We will find out about different kinds of families and how God loves us all.



Our PE days are Monday and Thursday. PE kits can remain in school until half term. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled (including ties and shoes!) and help your child to practice getting dressed independently.



We will be holding a Reading and Phonics evening for all parents and carers on **Wednesday 27th September** at 6.00pm in school. More info to follow.



Hopefully, the children will get together with their buddy several times throughout this first term for different activities. We will be learning poems and songs for a joint assembly on **Friday 20th October** at 9.10am. All are welcome.



Finally, I would like to thank you for your patience whilst we are learning every child's name and matching them to the appropriate adult! If you ever have any worries or concerns (no matter how big or small) please do not hesitate to come and ask.

We are looking forward to a fabulous first year together at St. Mary's.

Miss Zylko, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. O'Regan and Miss Riley