

St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Primary School

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14



Curriculum Update


Spring Term 2 - Reception



Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter informs you about what your child will be learning at school in the second half of the spring term. We hope that you will be able to help your child explore and discuss these areas at home through some of the following ideas:

- researching areas at the local library and helping your child develop their library skills
- searching with them on the internet for child friendly material and relevant websites
- watching relevant television programmes that may support their work, or visiting a museum
- **and, most importantly,** talking to your child about what they have done at school! Listen to what they have learned and praise their achievements!

Topic	Our Learning
<p data-bbox="142 1234 344 1447">Our Wonderful World and the people in it</p> 	<p data-bbox="389 1104 1485 1283">As we start this half term we will be looking into a range of different nursery rhymes in the build up to World Book Day. The nursery rhymes include; Incy Wincy Spider, 10 green bottles and many more. If you have a childhood favourite of your own, it would be lovely to share this with your child.</p> <p data-bbox="389 1323 1485 1615">In the second week of term Reception are going to spend the week looking at a range of different Julia Donaldson books. We will take part in different activities such as role plays and art and we may even write our own story! We will share more unfamiliar stories predicting what might happen next drawing on other stories we have read. We will also look at similarities and differences between our favourite stories. We are very excited to have an author visiting us and we look forward to his visit and hearing him speak about his life and inspirations.</p> <p data-bbox="389 1655 1485 1868">We continue to move through Lent towards Easter. The children have thought about their own Lenten promises and things that we could try to do as a class as well as thinking about the 40 acts of kindness. We will explore the Easter story in detail and through a range of different methods we will be retelling this important season in the church's calendar.</p> <p data-bbox="389 1908 1485 2094">Through maths we will be continuing to deepen the children's understanding of number as we look at numbers from 0-20. We will be recapping number bonds to 5 and our subitising skills. We will also be comparing amounts and using vocabulary such as more, less, fewer, most, least and the same. We will be exploring if the answer becomes</p>

bigger or smaller. We will be looking at repeating patterns that include 2 or more objects or colours for the children to work out the pattern. In phonics we will be expanding our sound knowledge by learning more vowel digraphs and trigraphs. Don't forget to access your weekly decodable e-books for reading at home and record that you have read in the reading records. These are closely matched to the sounds we have been learning in class, as well as books suitable for your child's phonic ability.

Thank you for your continued support!

A Christian community where children are known by name and loved, which empowers them to learn and to grow in faith, knowledge and fellowship.

