

SUMMER TERM

Welcome to the Summer term!

It was lovely to see the children come back looking refreshed and relaxed after the Easter break.

This term is a very busy for the children. If you would like to see the up to date timetable for Reception, please look on the school website. On the timetable you can see that there are more planned, adult directed times throughout the day. We are helping children to build their concentration and stamina, whilst still having fun with learning.

You will see from this week's planning that the children will be learning and revising a wide variety of skills and knowledge. A lot of our learning will be taking place outdoors, making the most of the Summer weather.

As we will be spending a lot of time outside it is important that you send your child to school with sun cream already applied and a cap to wear. School caps can be purchased from Schools Direct.

RE: Good News

This week we are going to explore and discuss the receiving and sending of good news. We will read the story of The Jolly Postman and talk about how it feels receive good news in the post.

We will talk about what Good News we can share as a class, and make a display of the children's work, showing their Good News.

At home: Please talk to your child about Good News you have received as a family.

LITERACY

This week the children will be writing about both the RE topic of Good News and the science topic of Space.

First we discuss the topic and look at photographs, video clips and books. Together we decide which words we might need in our writing and put them on a word mat.

Together we come up with some sentences using the words and then the children independently write their own.

The children are reminded about using a capital letter at the beginning of their sentence and a full stop at the end.

At home: Talk about the topics we are learning about and if your child is writing at home, please remind them to use lower case letters unless it is at the start of the sentence or a name they are writing.

MATHS

We will be learning and revising the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes this week.

The children will be looking for shapes in the environment, drawing them and taking photographs to make a display. They will be going on a shape hunt, playing shape bingo and using their knowledge of shape to design and build their rockets.

At home: Help your child to spot shapes in your home and out and about. Encourage them to design and build something at home.

SCIENCE

Over the next two weeks we are learning all about space!

We will be looking at the Solar System, thinking about what it must be like in Space, what Earth looks like from Space and how we might travel to Space.

The children will be designing and making their own rockets and setting up a 'Mission Control' in the garden.

To help us with this, please have a look at home for any boxes, tubes, tin foil, shiny material etc.

Also, if you have any unwanted mobile phones. walkie talkies, laptops, keyboards etc, it would help to make our 'Mission Control' more realistic.

Can you help?

Please continue to bring in: Recycling materials for children to turn into masterpieces. Any unwanted rolls of wallpaper Any other unused stationary such as envelopes, greeting cards etc.

Remember

St Francis Class have their **Class Assembly on Friday** 3rd May at 2.30pm. All parents/carers of St Francis children are welcome to come and watch.