



“With Christ in our hearts, together we grow.”

Reception Parent Planning Week Beginning 10th June 2019

<p style="text-align: center;">MATHS</p> <p>Children in Reception continue to explore numbers, shape, space and measures.</p> <p>In their play they get to practice the skills of weighing, measuring and capacity. Their mathematical language is now wide and they feel confident in using it.</p> <p>Please keep supporting your child in recognising and ordering numbers up to at least 20.</p> <p>Knowing how to use their number knowledge and understand the simple calculations they make is the next step for a lot of children. Using practical objects is a very good way of visualising what happens to numbers when they are added to or taken away from each other. Last week we talked a lot about ‘halving’ both of objects and numbers. We had lots of fun talking about sharing food between two people and making sure it was fair.</p> <p><i>At home: Use every day experiences at home to talk about calculations and halving.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LITERACY</p> <p>In literacy we continue to practice our reading and writing skills. The children will have the opportunity to be ‘investigators’ this week. They will be practicing their questioning skills and helping each other to solve problems and writing down their findings.</p> <p>We will be learning how to write a recipe this week. First we will do it as a class, looking at different recipes for some of their favourite foods. Then the children will get to make up their own recipe, write it down and follow it using a range of ingredients.</p> <p>There isn’t any cooking involved but they will have fun mixing their concoctions!</p> <p><i>At home: Look at some recipe books with your children or use the internet to find a simple recipe they could follow with your support. Making simple sponge cakes is a very scientific thing to do. Children are fascinated by watching a sloppy, gooey mixture turn in to a golden fluffy cake.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD</p> <p>This week we will be learning all about the life cycles of frogs, butterflies and ducks.</p> <p>This a vocabulary rich topic in which children learn how to ‘find out about’ things from non-fiction books and with adult supervision, the internet.</p> <p>Lots of children who went to Our Lady of Peace Nursery, remember watching caterpillars turn in to chrysalis’ and then to butterflies. We hope to do this with Reception in the coming weeks.</p> <p>The children will be drawing and writing about what they have learnt and will have to take particular care with the sequence of events.</p> <p><i>At home: Look out for some of these creatures when you are out and about. There are a lots of parks around Burnham where you could go on a nature walk. Take a clipboard, or notebook, paper and pencil so your child can record what they see.</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">RE: FRIENDS</p> <p>This week we are learning about reconciliation. What happens when things go wrong between friends? How does it make us feel? What can we do about it?</p> <p>We continue to talk about why our friends are important to us and how Jesus’s friends helped him to spread the word of God.</p> <p>The children will be doing some role play about friendships and will be making a gift to symbolise their friendships.</p> <p>We will be saying our litany of thanks in our prayers and spending quiet, reflective time thinking about our friendships. We will remind the children that God is always listening to them and that they can talk to him about their worries in their prayers at any time.</p> <p><i>At home: When your child has friendship difficulties, remind of our RE topic and help them to think through how they can make things right. Reassure them that it is ok to be cross and upset but that the way forward is reconciliation.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SPORTS DAY</p> <p>The children made the Reception team very proud at Thursday’s Sports Day! Their behaviour was exemplary and their enthusiasm was infectious.</p> <p>A big thank you to Mrs Botha for organising the event, the children loved the games she had planned; their beaming smiles said it all.</p> <p>Thank you to the grown-ups who came along to cheer for their children and their teams.</p> <p>The children will get chance to play these games and similar in PE throughout the rest of the term and we continue to ‘walk a mile’ every morning after assembly. Physical health is vital to emotional well-being and ability to learn.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Can you help?</p> <p>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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Remember</p> <p>Transition Meeting for parents – 9am Thursday 20th June</p> <p>Summer Fair – 29th June – we are still looking for volunteers to help.</p> <p>Reception Beale Park Visit – Friday 5th July – please respond to the letter about this visit as soon as possible.</p>