Reception Newsletter – Friday 7th November 2025

Phonics – Level 2

Our focus this week are the sounds **'o', 'c' & 'k'**. Please stick these sounds into your child's sound books. The children are becoming much better at recognising the sounds we've learned so far quickly and sounding out to read 3 letter regular words.

The Parent Support Sheets can be found on our Phonics & Reading webpage along with flashcards for each letter sound: https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/phonics-reading/. The flash cards for Level 2 3 letter regular words can be found on the phonics webpage: https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-annes-sutton-coldfield/UploadedDocument/824c6d92-54d2-441a-9096-afbcfff56f5b/phase-2-sound-button-regular-word-flash-cards.pdf

Please begin to use the Level 2 games on https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/2 . Be careful just to use choose those sounds we have covered in school already. If your child cannot yet blend the letters to say the word, please model the segmenting for them EG: you do the segmenting and blending for your child and say s-a-t – sat. Then ask your child to copy you. In time the children will pick up the skill of segmenting and blending so you can just do part they find difficult.

Literacy – Nursery Rhyme Jack & Jill

At the start of the week many children said they didn't know the rhyme Jack & Jill, however, by the end of the week most children were able to say the first verse of the rhyme and perform it for others.

Maths – Patterns

This week our Maths focus was copying, finishing and making patterns. We played a great free game online at Level 1 – some children were even able to finish the patterns in Level 2: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/shape-patterns

RE – How can we use our God given gifts and talents to help others?

Our hymn for this week was 'Jesus' Love is very Wonderful': https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/hymns/.

The children were given the opportunities this week to consider how they could help others. There were some very kind and thoughtful ideas. Ask your child how they could help at home.

Understanding the World – God's Made Me

This week we were learning to name a variety of different parts of our bodies and how to draw and paint pictures of themselves – including using a body and not just arms and legs out of our head!

REQUEST

As part of our unit about how people grow and change over time, we would like to sequence pictures of the children at 3 stages of their lives to help understand how timelines work – baby (0-1), toddler (2-3) and now (4-5). We have the pictures for now, but need your help with pictures of the children as a baby and a toddler.

Please either:

1. **Send in 2 photographs of your child – 1 as a baby and 1 as a toddler so we can copy them and return the originals to you;**
   Or

2. **Email 2 photographs of your child – 1 as a baby and 1 as a toddler to postbox@st-annes.walsall.sch.uk**

We also enjoyed celebrating Fireworks night by making our own fireworks paintings and learning about the story of Guy Fawkes. Ask your child what they can remember. There is a PowerPoint of the story on the class website: https://st-annes-sutton-coldfield.secure-primarysite.net/powerpoints/

Next week we will be learning about Remembrance Sunday.

Building the Kingdom Home Project for October- Memory Boxes for Lives of lost loved ones
Thank you to the children who have already sent in their projects and for talking to your child about these loved ones – human or animal. The children are enjoying sharing these during our daily prayers. The little messages inside with information are especially helpful to support the children. These boxes will be brought down to church later next week and will be blessed at Mass on Saturday 15th November.

Colourful Christmas Hampers
Sorry to talk Christmas already! The annual Colourful Christmas Hampers are back. This is a very successful and popular part of our Christmas Fayre. Every class is given 2 colours to collect items for these hampers. Reception have been asked to create a purple and silver hamper. We ask that every child send in some items that are either purple or silver or both so we can add them to the hamper. This could be chocolates/sweets/foods in purple or silver packaging, candles, smellies, toys, teddies, scarves, Christmas decorations, gift items, gloves & hats, mugs…… The list is endless and I'm sure you could come up with more ideas. For every item you send in to school, a raffle ticket will be added to the raffle box – 4 items = 4 raffle tickets.

General
The dates for your diary have been updated on the class homepage.

*******Please note the Special Friend Mass has been cancelled ******

Enjoy your weekend.
Mrs Turley