



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
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With St Therese as our guide we do little things with much love to make a big difference for everyone.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Summer term 1! I cannot believe how fast this year is going! I hope you all had a wonderful and restful Easter break. It is so lovely to be back with the children and I am looking forward to another half term with them. I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of Reception. They have, and are continuing to, make good progress across all areas of learning and each day are getting more and more ready for Year 1. Thank you to all of our parents, for your encouragement and support at home - it really makes a difference.

Just a few reminders:

- **Mystery Reader**
Mystery reader will continue to be on Thursday afternoons - thank you so much for your support with this, the children adore it. We now have lots of availability for the summer terms so please do catch me at the end of school to book in your slot.
- **Show and Tell and Wheelie Wednesday**
'Show and Tell' will continue to be on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure that your child only brings **one item** to school that is **small enough to fit in our show and tell basket**. 'Wheelie Wednesday' will continue to be on Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure your child brings in a helmet on their wheelie Wednesday session.
- **Homework**
Homework will continue to be sent home each Friday in your child's pink homework book. Completed work needs to be handed in on **Wednesday**. Homework should be completed in **pencil**. Please support your child with their homework but allow them to complete it independently.
- **PE**
PE sessions will continue to take place on Monday and Fridays. We will be continuing to develop the children's independence in getting changed. This means that on Monday children will need to come to school in their school uniform and bring their PE kit with them. Friday will continue as normal. Please continue to model and encourage your child/ren to independently dress themselves at home as the more practice they can get the better.
- **Adult Helpers**
Early reading in the EYFS is crucial. As a school, we encourage parents, who are able and willing, to come in and listen to children read. If you are able to spare 30 minutes of your day each week, either first thing in the morning or from 2.30pm then we would really appreciate it. Thank you to those who have



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signed up to this but we do need more support. Please speak to Mrs Hill or myself if this is something you would like to do.

- **Reading at home**

Reading regularly is still very important and children are expected to read 5 times a week. Please continue to write their reads in their reading records so Reading Points can still be awarded.

Just to remind you, the children are beginning to learn their Phase 4 phonics. Each week's focus is posted on the website to help you to support your child at home. These early stages of learning to read are vitally important - the more the children practise, the better they become! Daily practise of their flash cards and common exception words, also secures these words more quickly.

We are now looking at a new topic theme this term called 'Amazing Animals!' Overleaf is a copy of our 'Topic Web', detailing the learning areas that we will cover this term.

This term we will be focusing on the following texts:

- Dora's Chicks by Julie Sykes
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- There is no Dragon in this story by Lou Carter
- Look out for the Big Bad Fish by Sheridan Cain and Tanya Linch
- Pip and Egg by Alex Latimer
- Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne
- Betsy Buglove Saves the Bees by Catherine Jacob

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. You can email me at slt@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jessica Fox
Reception Class Teacher