



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

Reception Autumn Term Newsletter



Welcome to Reception! It is lovely to meet all the new children and families. We are looking forward to learning together.

Our Curriculum:

Maths

This term we will be working on number rhymes and reading and writing numbers. We will work mainly on numbers to 12, then to 20 but will experience numbers to 100.

We will be doing lots of counting and sorting objects such as different 2D and 3D shapes.

We will be looking at positional vocabulary with words such as 'under', 'over', 'through', 'around', 'between' and 'beside'.

Literacy

We will be doing lots of work on letter recognition and beginning to spell some simple words. We will be practising our speaking and listening skills, during role play activities and circle time activities.

The children will bring home their first reading activities next week. We will be concentrating on learning letter sounds to help us to read and write.

Understanding the World

This half term's topic is 'Ourselves'. We will be looking at our bodies, our families and our friends. We will be talking about similarities and differences and learning how to get along with each other.

We will also be learning about Autumn and the changes that occur. We will go on an Autumn hunt to collect items to investigate.

After half term, our topic will be 'Celebrations'. We will learn about different kinds of celebrations from our own and other cultures.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be looking at ourselves and others and seeing how we can make representations of these. We will be painting self portraits and making collages of our names. We will be using the digital camera to take photos of each other and we will be making collages of our friends.

Physical Development

We will be working on a range of physical skills both during P.E. sessions and in our Outdoor Play area. The children will learn to use a range of equipment to work on climbing and balancing skills. We will also be working on moving to music and following instructions. In the classroom we will be working on scissor and threading skills and using pencils with the correct grip.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be learning how to be a good friend. We will look at and celebrate our similarities and differences and will learn about our class rules.

Our Learning Challenges:

To recognise Phonics Phase 2 and 3 letters by their sound-
s a t p m i n d g o c k c k e u r h b f l f f ll, ss, j,
v, w, x, y, z, qu, ch, sh, th

To hear and say the sounds in 3 letter words.

To write my first name.

To recognise numbers to 20

To count sets of objects (up to 10 objects)

Recommended Websites

www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk

CBeebies. In particular Alphablocks, Get Squiggling and Numtums games. Please help your child to develop their use of a mouse if you have this at home.

Twitter Accounts to follow @St_Wilfrids_CE

Home Learning:

Reading

Next week, the children will bring home their first reading activities. A meeting about helping your child with reading will be held on **Friday 15th September at 2.45pm** in the KS1 hall.

Each week children will receive a reading book and a phonics card. These will be accompanied by a reading diary to be completed by parents each time reading has been done at home. St Wilfrid's recommends reading at home at least 3 times per week and recording this in the reading diary.

The phonics card will contain a list of words and some sentences which link to the sounds we are currently learning each week. When reading these words, please encourage your child to 'say the sounds and read the word' for example c...a...t... cat.

The children will also be working on the Reception 'High Frequency Words' and will have bookmarks sent home with these words on. These words should be learnt differently. They are words that are not phonetically regular and cannot be sounded out. Please encourage your child to say the whole word when learning these words.

Maths.

Number cards will be sent home next week. Please practise recognition, counting and ordering of numbers to 10 (and 20 if able).

Topic.

A message from the PTFA...

The PTFA would like to thank you for your continuous support and commitment. Last year was another successful year for the PTFA, with a wide range of events raising money to purchase new resources and support school themed events and Dance Festival, which all impact on the children's education. We would welcome any suggestions for future fundraising events.



Autumn Term 2017 Diary Dates:

w/c Monday 11th September
Friday 15th September
Monday 18th September
Friday 22nd September

Thursday 5th October
Tuesday 10th October
Friday 13th October
Monday 16th October

Tuesday 17th October
Thursday 19th October

Monday 30th October
w/c Monday 13th November
Friday 1st December
Thursday 7th December
TBC
Friday 8th December
Tuesday 19th December

Life Education Workshops for all classes
Welcome to Reception Meeting 2.45pm
PTFA AGM 6.30pm
Harvest Festival
9.30am KS2 and 10.30am KS1
Parents' Evening 6.00—8.00pm
Parents' Evening 3.30—5.30pm
PTFA Family Night
Pearl of Africa Gospel Choir to perform to School (Fundraising Event)
School Photographs (Individual and Families)
School closes for Half Term

School reopens for Autumn Term 2
UK Parliament Week—Themed Week on British Values
Christmas Fair at 3.30pm (Non-Uniform Day)
Christingle Service at Church
PTFA Story Time with Santa
Christmas Disco for Y3, 4 and 5 children
Carol Service at Church KS1 9.30am and KS2 10.30am



Month						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat

Additional Information:

Playground Equipment and Games: Children are not allowed to use any of the playground equipment (including the KS1 bridge) or bring in balls to play with before and after school. Also children are not permitted to use bikes or scooters on the school grounds. This is for Health and Safety reasons.

PE: PE lessons will take place on Tuesday. Children will be expected to wear PE kit, consisting of a sky blue T-shirt, navy or black shorts and a pair of black pumps. These should be kept in a draw string bag. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit on their PE days.

Extra Curricular Activities: During the year there will be an opportunity for your child to take part in extra curricular activities. Letters will be sent out when these begin with information about how you can access these clubs.

Milk: There will be an option for your child to have a carton of milk at school. Details of this will follow.

Reminders:

Attendance and Punctuality: Good attendance is crucial in your child's attendance. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please notify the office staff. School doors open at 8.50am. Registration commences at 8.55am and closes at 9.00am. Children arriving after 9.00am must report to the office before arriving at their classroom. Attendance certificates will be awarded for children with 100% attendance during the Autumn Term.

School Uniform: Please ensure that children wear the correct academy uniform and look smart. This includes black shoes. We strongly encourage you to have your child's name clearly marked or labelled in all items of clothing. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a warm coat. We encourage hair accessories, such as hair bands and bobbles, to be consistent with the colour of the uniform e.g. sky blue, navy, grey or black.

Water bottles and snacks: Reception classes each have a 'snack table'. Here they can have a drink and snack in a social setting. A free piece of fruit is provided everyday as the children's snack and all children are encouraged to try this. All children have their own named cup and access to water. They do not need to bring in a water bottle.

Jewellery: For Health and Safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear any jewellery, including earrings.



Thank you for your support. We look forward to an exciting year!
Reception Team:

Teacher's - Miss Massey, Miss Bond, Mrs Mullen and Mrs Hayward
TA's - Miss Taylor and Miss Westhead