



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'
Philippians 4:13



Summer Term 2024 Term Newsletter

Welcome to Summer Term in Reception!

Reception Team: Mrs Horton, Miss Massey, Mrs Mullen, Mrs K Kohler, Mrs Sutton, Mrs Stokes, Mrs Rossental, Mrs Salisbury, Mrs Dickinson, Mrs Raoff **Early Years Foundation Stage Phase Leader:** Mrs Newman

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

We will be developing relationships and working on holding conversations, asking, listening to and answering questions. We will be talking about respect and collaborating with others.

Literacy and Communication & Language

The children's literacy skills are developing well. Most children know all their letter sounds taught in Reception. We will be continuing to learn how to use this knowledge to read and write more complex words. We will also be continuing to learn and spell tricky key words. During this Summer Term, the children will work on extending their writing and using full stops, capital letters and finger spaces.

Maths

We will be continuing to develop our understanding of number. We will be developing our calculating skills and doing lots of addition and subtraction, doubling and halving. The children will continue to learn number bonds within ten and ensure that they are recording numbers correctly.

Understanding the World.

We will be looking at stories. These will be in the form of Traditional tales such as 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We will also explore Bible stories from the Old Testament (Creation, Noah, Jonah, Joseph and David and Goliath). The children will be encouraged to retell the stories orally and to develop their own stories based on this theme. We will also be looking at materials which are used for building. The children will sort and classify them and carry out their own science investigations about different materials.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be looking at different characters who could live in a fairy tale castle. The children will make up stories and experiment with different types of materials relating to these stories. The children will re-enact and adapt many traditional tales through their play. The children will be investigating changing states of matter, by making porridge and bread.

Physical Development

During PE we will be looking at team games and athletics. For our intra-sport challenge, we will be concentrating on over arm throws, and participating in a 'mini marathon'.

We will also be continuing to use tools such as hole punches, scissors and tweezers to develop fine motor skills.

Summer Term Focus Themes: Once Upon a Time/See How I Grow.

Focus Reading Text: Three Little Pigs / Jack and the Beanstalk

Recommended Websites:

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm>

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfjh/numberblocks>

[BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

Twitter Accounts to follow:

@St_Wilfrids_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport

Reading: In order to become competent readers, children need to **read regularly at home** and school. Parents are asked to read to their children stories, nursery rhymes and interesting books to help their child develop a love of books.

Children will have their reading book changed once a week on **Friday**. Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and reading diary everyday. We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read, including reading books, harder to read words and phonics sounds (we expect a minimum of **four** entries/comments a week).

Please help your child recognise the letters and sounds and practice reading regularly to establish a routine and help your child develop fluency. On the school website in the section 'Parents' under the tab 'Videos' there are two videos to help you pronounce each of the phase 2 and 3 phonic sounds (scroll to the bottom of the page).

All children will have the opportunity to read a variety of high-quality texts in class, including 'Reading for Pleasure' books, and 'Related Reads', which are linked to their focus theme.

Anything that you would like to share and celebrate with school, regarding reading, can be emailed to enquiries@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk

We are continuing to use 'Evidence Me' for you to upload and share with us achievements and skills that your child achieves at home and for us to share some of their learning in school. Please contact your child's class teacher if you do not have a log on.

This term we would love to see pictures and videos of your child engaging in physical activity such as going to the park, riding their bike or visiting a play centre.

Summer Term 2024 Diary Dates:

Thursday 18th April

Friday 19th April

Friday 26th April

Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd May

Monday 6th May

w/c Tuesday 7th May

Thursday 9th May

w/c Monday 13th May

w/c Monday 20th May

Monday 20th May

Friday 24th May

Friday 24th May

Monday 3rd June

w/c Monday 3rd June

Tuesday 4th June

Wednesday 5th June

Thursday 6th June

Thursday 6th June

Friday 7th June

Monday 10th – Thursday 13th June

w/c Monday 10th June

Tuesday 11th June

Thursday 13th June

Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th June

Tuesday 18th June

Sunday 23rd June

Monday 24th June

Tuesday 25th June

Friday 28th June

w/c Monday 1st July

Thursday 4th July

Friday 5th July

Monday 8th July

Tuesday 9th July

Friday 12th July

Monday 15th July

Wednesday 17th July

Thursday 18th July

Friday 19th July

Friday 19th July

SWEET Springo Bingo Event 5.30 – 6.30pm & 6.45 – 7.45pm (Ticket Only)

Easter Praise Services at Church 9.30am Rec & KS1 and 10.30am KS2

Non-Uniform Day for April Birthdays (Y2 & 3 on Thursday 25th April)

Bikeability training for Reception children

School closed for Bank Holiday

Year 2 SATs week (Part 1)

Rearranged Year 3 Trust Experience to Liverpool

Year 6 SATs week

Year 2 SATs week (Part 2)

Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Workshop

Non-Uniform Day for May Birthdays (Y2 & 3 on Thursday 23rd May)

School closes for half term



School reopens for Summer Term 2

Year 4 Multiplication Check

Year 1 Trust Experience at St. Wilfrid's – Big Top Tent

Year 6 Heart Dissection Workshop

Reception RE Workshop (Worldwide Faiths)

Year 6 PGL Meeting at 5.30pm

Class Photographs

Year 6 Bikeability

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 2 Rechecks

Nursery Trust Experience at St. Wilfrid's – Den Making

Year 4 Trust Experience – Watersports

Year 6 PGL Residential to Boreatton Park

Reception Educational Visit to Smithills Farm

Year 6 Confirmation Service at St. Wilfrid's Church

Induction Evening for Parents and Carers of new to Nursery and Reception pupils

Reception Trust Experience at Haigh Hall

Non-Uniform Day for June Birthdays (Y2 & 3 on Thursday 27th June)

Sports Days (see letter for arrangements)

Year 2 Transition Meeting at 5.30pm and Year 5 (Current Year 4) PGL Meeting at 6.00pm

St. Wilfrid's Summer Fayre

Whole School Transition Day

Year 4 Summer Gala Concert at Robin Park

Non-Uniform Day for July, & August Birthdays (Y2 & 3 on Thursday 11th July)

Year 6 Leavers' Disco at The Crown

Year 6 10-Pin Bowling Trip to Hollywood Bowl

Blessing of the Year 6 Leaver's Bibles Service in Church at 9.30am

Year 6 Leavers' Service at School

School closes for Summer Holiday

Spring Term 2024 Worship Themes:

w/c 15.4.24

Easter Praise

w/c 22.4.24

Emmaus Road

w/c 29.4.24

Hope

w/c 7.5.24

Ascension

w/c 13.5.24

Pentecost – coming of the spirit

w/c 20.5.24

Trinity – How do we see God?

w/c 3.6.24

Baptism

w/c 10.6.24

How do we serve the community?

w/c 17.6.24

Courage

w/c 24.6.24

Service – Armed Forces Day

w/c 1.7.24

Trust

w/c 8.7.24

Fair

w/c 15.7.24

New Beginnings

Additional Information:

Playground Equipment and Games: Children are not allowed to use any of the playground equipment or bring in balls to play with before or after school. Also, children are not permitted to use bikes or scooters on the school grounds. This is for health and safety reasons. Children must not enter the school car park or climb on the blue railings.

Sun care: As the weather begins to improve please could you provide your child with a sunhat, which is clearly labelled with their name, and ensure that they have had sunscreen applied before school.

PE Uniform: PE lessons will take place on **Tuesday**. Children will be expected to attend school in PE uniform on their PE day. This consists of a sky-blue T-shirt, school jumper, cardigan or hoody, and navy/black shorts, or navy/black leggings, or navy/black joggers, and a pair of dark-coloured trainers (no bright colours please). Children are also encouraged to bring a rainproof jacket for outdoor use in inclement weather.

Parking: Please be reminded that parking on the school premises is for permit-holders only between 7am and 4.30pm.

Attendance and Punctuality: Good attendance is crucial in your child's education. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please notify the office staff.

School Uniform: Please ensure that children wear the correct school 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 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. Long hair should be tied back.

Earrings: Children are not permitted to wear earrings in school. This is for health and safety reasons.

Water bottles: Children are encouraged to drink water during the school day to keep them hydrated. They may bring in a plastic water bottle (preferably clear) with their name labelled on it. They should take it home regularly to be washed. Children can refill bottles in school.

Snacks: Children may bring in a snack of either toast or a piece of fruit for morning playtime. Other items such as cakes, biscuits, crackers, sweets, cereal or fruit bars are not permitted at playtime. Please be aware that there are children in school with nut allergies. Therefore, can you please ensure that your child does not bring any items containing nuts into school as part of their packed lunch or snack. Please note that this may include some cereal bars.

Birthday Celebrations: We will continue to invite children to wear non-uniform on the last Friday of the month of their birthday. Children will not be required to bring in a party snack.

Medication: If your child requires medication such as inhalers, please ensure that you child's class teacher is provided with medication that is within its expiry date and is clearly labelled. You will be required to complete a medical form from the school office.

Pets: Dogs are **not permitted** on the school grounds. Please do not tie dogs up near areas where children will walk.