



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

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



Spring Term 2023 Term Newsletter

Wishing you all a very warm welcome to Nursery in the Spring Term

Nursery Team: Mrs Cunningham (class teacher), Mrs Brokas, Mrs Folley, Mrs Salisbury, Mrs Atherton, Miss Halliwell, Miss English and Mrs Lackey. Early Years Foundation Stage Phase Leader: Mrs Newman

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

The children will continue to develop friendships and learn to get along with others. We will provide opportunities for the children to develop confidence in talking in small groups. In group time we will talk about what we know about the Weather (our focus theme) and what we would like to find out.

Communication and Language: The children will be given lots of opportunities during small group sessions such as chatting time to develop their speaking and listening skills. These skills will also be supported through continuous provision whilst they are playing and interacting with the other children.

Physical Development: The children will have continuous access to the outdoor environment where they will be able to ride the bikes, develop their throwing and catching skills, practise writing on a larger scale and use the climbing equipment.

Mathematics: This term the children will be practising sorting using simple criteria. We will begin to explore pattern and create our own repeating patterns. They will continue to develop their counting skills through rhymes, stories, games and in continuous provision.

Literacy: The children will have the opportunity to practise their writing in the writing area and through the 'Write dance' programme. We will be listening to stories about our focus theme 'The Weather' and learning about information books. Through our phonics work, the children will continue to have opportunities to develop their listening skills and begin to tune into rhyme through Rhyming Stories and Silly Soup games.

Understanding the World: As part of our topic, we will be learning about different types of weather. The children will also be learning about Chinese New Year and how this is celebrated. The children will learn about the natural world and develop an understanding of life cycles.

Expressive Arts and Design: The children will be given opportunities to develop different art skills such as painting, collage and drawing.

Spring Term Focus Theme:

Spring 1: Whatever the weather

Spring 2: Mini-beast madness

Focus Reading Text:

Spring 1: A range of stories about Weather.

Spring 2: The very Hungry caterpillar

Recommended Websites:

www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk, Cbeebies - Alphablocks and Numberblocks

Twitter Accounts to follow:

@St_Wilfrids_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport

Home Learning:

Reading: In order to become competent readers, children need to have opportunities to share stories and rhymes. We encourage that you share stories and read with your children at bedtime and talk about the pictures in the book and what is happening in the story. We also encourage providing audible books for your children to listen to as this can help to develop an interest in books.

Personal, Social and Emotional: We continue to work on the children's independent skills so we ask that you encourage your child to be as independent as possible when using the toilet and with dressing themselves.

Maths: To encourage counting you can ask your child to help you set the table. For example, counting out the correct number of pieces of cutlery for the family. Also playing simple board games which involve counting dots on dice or spaces on a board, as this can help to develop the skill of subitising.

Understanding of the World: To support your child's learning about the weather you could watch a weather report on the television and talk about what they think the weather is like today. In Spring 2 you might like to go on a bug hunt and see if you can find any creepy crawlies in your garden or the park.

Purple Mash: We will continue to share home learning ideas on Purple Mash for your child to attempt at home. If you have lost your child's log in details please speak to Mrs Cunningham.

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 let Mrs Cunningham know if you do not have a log on. This term we would love to see pictures and videos of your child working on their independent skills like brushing their teeth, using cutlery or putting their socks and shoes on. Anything that you would like to share and celebrate with school, regarding reading, can be emailed to reading@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk



Spring Term 2023 Diary Dates:

Wednesday 4th January	School opens for Spring Term 1
Thursday 5th January	Non-Uniform Day for Leigh & Smalley House Point Winners in Year 3 and 5
Friday 6th January	Non-Uniform Day for Leigh & Smalley House Point Winners (Y1, 2, 4 & 6)
Friday 27th January	Non-Uniform Day for January birthdays (Year 3 & 5 on Thursday 26 th Jan)
Friday 17th February	Non-Uniform Day for February birthdays (Year 3 & 5 on Thursday 16 th Feb)
Friday 17th February	School closes for Half Term
Monday 27th February	School reopens for Spring Term 2
Thursday 16th March	Parents' Evening 6 – 8pm
Friday 17th March	Mothers' Day Services at Church (9.30am Rec. & KS1, 10.30am KS2)
Tuesday 21st March	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Friday 24th March	Non-Uniform Day for Easter Bingo (Year 3 & 5 on Thursday 23 rd March)
Friday 31st March	Palm Praise Services at Church (9.30am Rec. & KS1, 10.30am KS2)
Friday 31st March	Non-Uniform Day for March birthdays (Year 3 & 5 on Thursday 30 th March)
Friday 31st March	School closes for Easter holiday

Spring Term 2023 Worship Themes:

w/c 2.1.23	Epiphany
w/c 9.1.23	Joy
w/c 16.1.23	Christian Unity
w/c 23.1.23	Baptism
w/c 30.1.23	Candlemas – Presentation of Christ in the Temple
w/c 6.2.23	Trust
w/c 13.2.23	Forgiveness
w/c 27.2.23	St. David's Day
w/c 6.3.23	Fair
w/c 13.3.23	Mothering Sunday
w/c 20.3.23	Preparation – How we prepare ourselves
w/c 27.3.23	Palm Praise

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.

PE Uniform. PE lessons will take place on a Monday and a Thursday. Children will be expected to attend school in their school polo shirt with black/blue leggings or joggers and trainers. 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).

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

Pets: Dogs are **not** permitted on the school grounds.

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 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.