



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 Reception in the Spring Term

Reception Team: Mrs Horton, Miss Massey, Mrs Mullen, Mrs K. Kohler, Mrs Sutton, Miss Lundy, Mrs Salisbury, Mrs Atherton, Mrs Wood, Miss England. Early Years Foundation Stage Phase Leader: Mrs Newman

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Maths

This term we will again be focusing on number. We will be working on number rhymes, reading numbers, writing numbers and making numbers. We will work mainly on numbers from 5-10 this term. We will gather a deep understanding of each number, looking at subitising and composition, recognising quantities by sight and remembering number bonds to 5. We will also focus on capacity, height and length.

Literacy

We will continue to work on letter recognition, moving from phase 2 sounds to phase 3 sounds in our ELS Phonics, continuing to spell some simple words. We will be continuing to practise our speaking and listening skills, during role play activities and circle time activities.

The children now receive an ELS focus reading book and an extra book for 'pleasure reading'. We will be concentrating on learning letter sounds to help us to read and write.

Understanding the World

This half term's topic is 'All around us', followed by 'Spring time' in Spring 2. We will be looking at our immediate environment, exploring school and Standish. We will be talking about similarities and differences of the past and present of our local area and creating maps.

We will also be learning about Winter and the changes that occur. We will be doing lots of exploring inside and outside of school.

After half term, our topic will be 'Spring Time'. We will learn about Spring and The Easter Story.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be doing observational drawing of what we can see through the window, paintings of woodland animals and 3D models of vehicles.

Physical Development

We will be working with Mr Willock, specialist PE teacher, on a range of physical skills both during P.E. sessions and in our Outdoor Play area. This half term we will focus on Gymnastics. 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 continue to work on scissor and threading skills and using pencils with the correct grip. At home, please help your child to practice putting their own socks and shoes on and off in preparation for PE lessons.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be learning about safety. We will be working together to learn how to keep safe in our immediate environments e.g. at home, in school, by the road, during P.E.

Spring Term Focus Theme:

Spring 1: All Around Us

Spring 2: Spring Time

Focus Reading Text:

Spring 1: The Journey Home from Grandpas

Spring 2: We're going on an egg hunt

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 read regularly at home and school. Parents are asked to read to their children stories, nursery rhymes and interest books to help their child develop a love of books.

Please help your child recognise the letters and sounds and practise 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.

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

All children will have the opportunity to hear a variety of high quality 'reading for pleasure' texts and 'recommended reads' linked to their focus theme during the school week. Please also visit our website to view our 'Reading Round-Up', 'Author of the Month', 'Reading Challenges', 'Reading Wall of Fame', 'Reading Rabbits' and 'Patron of Reading'.

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 out and about, in the local area or in a new area, to connect to our topic of 'All Around Us'.

Anything that you would like to share and celebrate with school, regarding reading, can be emailed to

reading@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk

Homework and Spellings: Children are expected to read at home at least 4 times a week to help them become more fluent.

Laminate cards with focus sounds will be sent home weekly and the children will continue to receive harder to read and spell word strips which are sent home to learn once they are confident with the previous strip. Only once they know the words on the strip they already have will they receive a new strip to learn. At home, please help your child to practice putting on their own coat and zipping it up.

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 **Wednesday**. Children will be expected to attend school in PE uniform on their PE day. This consists of a sky-blue T-shirt, school jumper or cardigan, 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.

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

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.

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