



FS1 Newsletter – Spring Term



Dear Parent/Guardians,

Welcome back to school for the Spring term. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year, even though it feels like a long time ago! This term our topics are 'Helping Hands' and 'Spring has Sprung'. We have been learning about the dentist, the police and we have had a wonderful visit from the fire service so far this half term.



'Come and See' – Religious Education

The focus of this term's R.E work is gathering and growing. We will look at how the parish family gather together for mass to celebrate events like First Holy Communion, Weddings and Baptism. We will look at new life and how things start to grow in the Spring. We will talk about how to look after God's world as it grows and we will look at how we will grow as we prepare for Lent.

Communication, Language & Literacy

Phonics

The 'Letters and Sounds' document is at the core of our phonics teaching. This term we will continue to play/reinforce phase one listening games along with the systematic teaching of phase two phonics, linking letters to sounds and developing our word building skills.

Reading

Sharing books and reading stories with your child plays a key role in developing their early reading skills! Look out for our lending library box! ...we have lots of fantastic stories for you to share!

Writing

This term we will be having a big focus on writing! We will play lots of games/activities helping us to develop our coordination and control. We will continue to reinforce pencil control skills using the correct grip and practice writing our name!

Mathematics



A key focus in maths this term will be developing our knowledge and understanding of shape. We look forward to making shape mobiles, creating shape monsters and printing, whilst talking about and reinforcing the properties of familiar 2-D shapes. Our 'number sense' continues to grow as we play lots of games/activities encouraging us to explore number. Number line games help us to recognise, read and order numbers to 10 and beyond!

Knowledge and understanding of the world

In our topic work we have been learning about people who help us stay healthy and safe in our community. We have had a wonderful visit from our local fire service and look forward to talking with our school lollypop lady about road safety!

We love to explore the changing seasons and enjoy learning about winter weather and the properties of snow and ice! We will look at new life and how things start to grow in the Spring!

We look forward to the busy term ahead!

If you have any queries or would like more information please do not hesitate to talk with a member of the FS1 team.

Many thanks – Mrs White, Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Kelly.