

Reception Newsletter

Summer 2

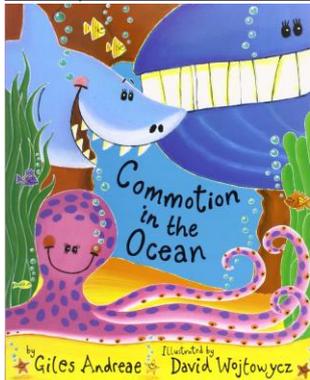
Welcome back

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable break and we welcome you back to Sacred Heart. This half term begins on Monday 5th June and ends on Friday 21st July. How quickly time has flown this year we can't quite believe that this is the final half term with the children before they head into year 1.

Staffing

The staffing consists of 4 adults. Miss While the class teacher, Miss Winfield and Mrs English the classroom teaching assistants and Mrs Burt who will be teaching in Reception class on a Thursday afternoon.

Our plans for the half term



At Sacred Heart RC Nursery and Primary School we have a whole school learning approach based upon story telling. Every half term we have a focused story which we use to develop children's learning and progression through the 7 areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. This story is often referred to as our 'Talk for Writing' story. Our Talk for Writing story for this half term is 'Commotion in the Ocean'.

This is book of silly nonsense rhymes about different sea creatures. We have only briefly looked at poetry in reception class as it is quite a difficult writing skill to have. Now the children are a little bit older we will explore poetry in more depth. We also wanted to stick with our seaside theme as the children have really enjoyed this.

We will, as usual, host an open day towards the end of half term. However this half term our open afternoon will be a graduation ceremony for the children graduating out of the Foundation Stage. The open afternoon will be on Wednesday 19th July at 2.15pm



Tissues at the ready!

Curriculum Coverage

There are 7 areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. Below outlines what curriculum coverage we will be doing in this half term using Commotion in the Ocean as our learning focus.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Growth (transitions and change)
- Preparing children for Yr 1 - visits into their new classroom, meeting their teacher

- Cooperative play
- Others feelings, how their actions affect others
- Rainbow fish - what good thing about yourself could you share
- Taking ownership of their own resources and learning.
- Organising their own activities



Communication and Language

- Cooperative learning tasks
- Circle Times
- Verbal story telling
- Using past and present language
- Responding to what others say
- Continuing our key worker groups to enhance relationships
- Weekly circle time sessions that encourages all children's participation
- Working collaboratively to achieve outcomes
- Collaboration games (hands up pair up, quiz quiz trade etc.)
- Expressive speaking (awareness of listener)
- Using our 'Characteristics of Learning' display to explore different ways of Learning
- Verbal poetry games - think of a word that rhymes with...



Physical Development

- Opportunities to practice and develop dance and outdoor adventurous activity skills
- Extending children's physical fine motor skills through a variety of activities that encourages children to use one handed tools.
- Daily finger gym activities
- Supporting children in holding their writing tools using the correct grip and pressure
- Securing correct letter formation and sentence structure through phonics
- Supporting children with letter formation in our week handwriting activity
- Exploring ways to stay safe using tools
- Sports day preparation - becoming accustomed to the equipment which will be used
- An under the water dance



Literacy

- Daily phonics session based on blending and segmenting sounds to read and write simple words/sentences
- Continuing to learn red words to read and Daily phonic sessions based on learning RML set 2/3 sounds
- Retelling stories through actions, role play, story maps, focused group work and visual resources
- Supporting children in developing letter formation



through phonics and handwriting sessions

- Daily guided reading sessions to support us with our phonics and early reading skills
- Letter formation, writing simple captions and sentences
- Story writing (using connectives (beginning with captions progressing to full stories using TFW and sequencing pictures to support)
- Sea creature fact files/ poems
- Instructional writing

Mathematics



- Continuing with their individual learning targets.
- Seaside repetitive patterns
- Counting back on a number line

Understanding the World

- Exploring sea creatures
- Magnetic treasure
- Different states (ice lolly making)
- Why do questions (using computers to find out information)



Expressive Arts and Design



- Bubble painting
- Observation Drawings
- Patterned fish designs
- Exploring TFW actions for acting out storylines/ narratives

Religious Education

We learn about different religions and cultures at Sacred Heart celebrating different countries and traditions. We teach the children to be sensitive to the traditions of all religions and understand that we may not celebrate the same things. As part of our Catholic ethos we have a structured outline of Catholic faith that we teach. This half term we will be learning about Pentecost and other faiths.



We participate in daily prayers and gather on a Monday for our whole school liturgy. On a Wednesday morning we gather with KS1 in a short assembly and on Thursday we gather to watch 'Open the Book'.

PE Kits and school uniform

Our PE session is on a Tuesday afternoon, can you please make sure that your child's PE kit is in school on this day. We also encourage the children to have their name in all of their school clothing so that missing clothes can be easily indentified.

Home Learning

Home learning will be sent home every Friday. The home learning will usually consist of a learning task for your child to complete; this will depend on the learning carried out throughout the week and their individual learning targets. The home learning that is sent home will be tailored for your individual child's need.

Reading Books

Your child will bring home a reading book in their book bag on a Friday. The reading book will be changed every Friday. We also include a red reading record, parents are encouraged to read with their children on a daily basis and use the red reading record to comment on your child's reading. As the children become more confident in reading we will send home books with words that they are able to read by breaking down the sounds that they see and blending them together. Could you please write in your child's red reading log book when they have finished reading the book by simply writing 'finished' in the comment box. We will assume that you want to keep the book for another week if you haven't written finished. 😊 Your child will also be bringing home a 'reading for pleasure' book. They choose this book from our school library on a Friday afternoon.

Open door policy



At Sacred Heart we have an open door policy and encourage parents to talk to the staff daily about any concerns, suggestions or achievements that you wish to share. A member of staff will always be available to talk at the beginning of the session and I am available to talk too personally at the end of the day or by booking an appointment.

We strongly encourage parents to communicate with the Reception staff so we can work collaboratively to meet the best needs of your children.

We are always here to support yourself and your children on this exciting journey as they continue their full time education.

Reminders:

Your child's interactive learning diary is now constantly viewable online. To see what your child has been learning about in Reception class please visit

<https://portal.interactivelearningdiary.co.uk/>

Enter your username and password and you will be able to view your child's progress. If you have forgotten or need a new password please speak to myself and I can arrange a new one for you.



Our chosen class charity for this year is Rowcroft Hospice. We are very proud to announce that our pirate fun day raised £323.50. Thank you so much for your generosity. Please take a look at the school website for pictures of the event.

Dates for your diary

30th June - School sports day (TBC) Parents are welcome to watch the children at Paignton Rugby/cricket club on this day. More details to follow

19th July - Reception Graduation ceremony 2.15pm in the classroom

Thank you

Miss While

Reception Class Teacher/ Early Years Coordinator/ Middle Leader