

Friday 9th June 2017

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back! I hope everyone has had a lovely half term break. Can you believe we have reached the start of the children's final term in Reception class? This time last year I was just starting to get to know the children as they made their first visits to St Francis'. The time has flown by but I have really enjoyed teaching, playing, learning and laughing with them.

Here is a brief overview of some of the learning we will be covering this term.

We will be ...:

- Carrying on with our Rumble in the Jungle topic & finishing off - building zoos, writing information booklets, learning about people that live in the jungle
- Planning our own mini topics (the children have already said they are keen to learn about the emergency services and volcanoes!)
- Having 'show and tell' - children can bring in a memento of their half term holiday e.g. photograph, shell from the beach etc
- Getting ready for sports day and practising racing
- Learning about ordinal number e.g. 1st 2nd 3rd etc (links nicely with sports day)
- Exploring 3D shapes, weight, capacity, time and measuring
- Exploring numbers in a hundred square, and looking a place value of 2 & 3 digit numbers
- Continuing phonics - reading and spelling CVCC and CCVC words (e.g. hump & skip) and other words with adjacent consonants (e.g. drink, punch, stand, crisp) within sentences and learning to read and spell the sight words little, one, when, what, some, come
- Learn about the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and baptism in R.E
- Preparing for our Father's Day assembly - singing, acting & speaking to an audience
- Helping to settle the new intake of children into Reception by playing with them on their visits to St Francis'
- Getting ready for Year 1. Transition 'moving up' mornings. We will be talking about going to Year 1 in September, what we are looking forward to and what we would like to learn. We will be writing a letter to our new teacher!

- *Team challenges - providing children opportunities to work as a small group to complete a given task, each child having a role (good practise for Y1)*

Just a reminder that Maths Games need to be returned promptly every Wednesday.

If anyone has any emergency services related stories/games/resources they would be prepared to lend us for the term, please let me know.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Cataldo