



# **Sacred Heart RC Primary School**

## **News from the Foundation Stage**

### **December 2021**

**The Foundation Stage Team: Mrs Lopez, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Guy-Double, Mrs Deubert**

We are now at the end of a fantastic and very busy first term and we hope you all have a wonderful Christmas holiday! Here is some information about key things happening next term. Don't forget you can always ask us if you need more information about anything we do in Foundation Stage.

### **A Quick Look Back**

The children are settling really well into Sacred Heart Primary School. The morning routine is becoming much easier with children beginning to come in independently to do their independent work; writing their names, completing number challenges and work on developing their phonics skills, writing CVC words and reading.

We have finished the topics : **All about me!**, **Am I a superhero?** **Who is afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?** in which we explored colours, patterns, shapes through the story of Elmer and created some wonderfully colourful elephants. The children have also begun to learn how to retell the story of Supertato, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The three little pigs and The Gingerbread man using Talk for Writing.

In maths, we investigated size and ordering using bears and bowls and are starting to count and compare different amounts, we learnt to identify and order numbers to at least 10 and how to subitise numbers to 5. We have also had a go at finding and describing 2D and 3D shapes in our "shapes hunt".

We introduced the children to Article 19 'All children should be protected from neglect' from the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child as Sacred Heart is on its way to become a Rights Respecting School. The children used this as inspiration to build a variety of safe and warm homes for the Three little pigs.

### **Topic for Next Term**

Our topics next term are **What happens in other worlds? Come outside! How did people from the past get around?** We will explore different themes such as 'Frozen', "Bears" and 'Dinosaurs'. As part of these topics we will explore different continents, animals, clothes and cultures. We are also planning to dig up some bones to explore and of course we will be looking at features of non-fiction books.

Key books for our next Spring term are: 'The little penguin', 'We're going on a bear hunt', 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'Jack and the beanstalk' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'  
Non-fiction: about "Dinosaurs" and "Minibeasts"

If you would like to know a bit more about your child's future learning, please remember to take a look at our Long-Term plan on the website - Our learning - Reception tab.

## Phonics/Reading

As you know every week the Phonics Fairy leaves us two sounds to learn. These are always linked to an exciting story! During Autumn term children have worked very hard learning the sounds of phase 2, we all had an exciting time watching the stories and practicing the sounds.

All children have been incredible completing their homework every week, thank you to all parents for your support. Please make sure your child keeps practicing the sounds, blending words and remembering all Tricky troll words that we have learnt so far!

Tricky troll words: I, no, go, to, the, into, you, he, she, like, was, said

## Tapestry online -Learning Journeys

Thank you for your support using Tapestry. It contains some observations, photographs, some videos and pieces of work to demonstrate your child's learning and progress. We also keep as learning journals books for English, Maths and handwriting.

We would love you to contribute any developments you think your child has made outside of school as there can be things we miss! For example, you could write a quick note to say they managed to do their coat up, or that they tried a different type of food for the first time. You could also add any photographs or comments you would like to your child's learning journey and of course don't forget to leave your feedback in your child's profile.

## Book bags and PE days

We advise that parents check children's book bags every day after school for children's own work and reading books and diary.

We are continuing doing PE every **Wednesday** and **Friday**, please make sure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

## Own Work

We are looking forward to seeing all of your 'Family tree' posters that the children will be designing over Christmas. Please make sure their 'own work' is returned by the 7th of January. Please ask if you need support or any resources to complete their project.

## Finally...

Finally, children in Foundation Stage have made excellent progress during their first term in school, but in order for this to continue please remember it is really important for your child to come to school every day and to be on time.

Thank you for your continuing support, we highly appreciate our open and positive parent partnership with school.