



St Wulstan's Catholic Primary School

Reception Summer Term Additional Information

April 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Please find below some additional information for the summer term. We would like to welcome Mrs Westwood to our Reception team. Mrs Westwood is a learning support assistant and will be working full time in Reception until the end of the summer term. We will also have two students in our class the half term.

Warmer Weather:

Children are now able to wear their summer uniform - red polo shirts and shorts for boys and red summer dresses for girls. Please ensure that all new uniform is named - the weather is getting warmer and jumpers and cardigans are being taken off a lot more - if these are not named then we can't do anything about it when they are lost.

Please put sun cream on your child before they come into school in the morning - we are not able to put sun cream on them once they are in school.

As the weather is getting warmer we will be encouraging children to drink more. Children are reminded to drink regularly throughout the day, and have access to their water bottles whenever they want them. If you know your child is a reluctant drinker, please have a think about how you can encourage them to drink - reward systems at home always work well! Could we also remind you that children are to have a school water bottle which only has water in - no squash, juice or fizzy pop are allowed.

Children may bring juice or squash in their lunch box but they will only be allowed this at lunch time.

PE

Please could all PE kits be returned to school to make sure each child can join in with our P.E. sessions. Please ensure your child's name is in all of their clothes and belongings, we cannot stress how important this is, as I'm sure you can understand we have lots of issues making sure all children have the right clothes on when they each wear the same uniform!

Show and Tell

Show and tell sessions will begin again this half term. Initially show and tell will be on Monday, with one group taking a turn each week. Your child will bring a slip home to let you know when it is their week for Show and Tell. We will be focussing on favourite stories this half term.

Reading

Our usual system is in place for changing books (time permitting!), which means that every child will be given a new book on a Monday and Thursday as long as the book has been read at home. Please ensure that you sign the

reading record every time you read with your child and make a note once the book is finished. Children should be reading daily at home to help with their sound recognition and reading fluency. Children should also be encouraged to talk about their books - e.g. what has happened in the story? What did one of the characters do? Why did they do it? Did you like the story? Why?

Our reading books are levelled to match with the order that we teach the phonics sounds and red words.

Occasionally children may encounter a red word in their reading book that they do not know - it is fine for you to tell your child the word and explain that it is a red word because it cannot be sounded out.

Children read with an adult in school a minimum of twice per week. Children will read a book from school based on our phonics teaching and sometimes their home reading book.

Topic

This half term our topic will be based around the theme of 'Growth'. We will be exploring plants, minibeasts and lifecycles. We will have a range of texts that we will use throughout this half term and will begin our learning using 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. We will then have our own delivery of live caterpillars that we will be able to watch grow and change into beautiful butterflies.

As always, we will follow the children's lead, and will plan activities based around their interests and needs.

Children will continue to learn through play and will begin to take part in more adult focus activities as the term progresses.

If you have any items at home that will support our learning in school, please send them in but clearly label them first so we can return them, thank you.

If you have any questions please email us using the reception email.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs L Portman and Mrs C Harris
(Reception Class Teachers)