

# SPRING NEWS



St Teresa's  
Catholic Primary School

## DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL.

### Events:

- 7<sup>th</sup> January – Return to school.
- 8<sup>th</sup> February – Cake Sale
- 13<sup>th</sup> February- WOW Day (More information coming soon!)
- 15<sup>th</sup> February- Trust INSET Day
- WB 18<sup>th</sup> February- Half-term
- 25<sup>th</sup> February- Return to school
- 5<sup>th</sup> March- Shrove Tuesday
- 6<sup>th</sup> March- Ash Wednesday
- WB 11<sup>th</sup> March- Science Week
- 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March- Parents Evening
- 26<sup>th</sup> March- KS1 Choral Speaking
- 28<sup>th</sup> March- KS1 Mother's Day Tea
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April- One Life KS1
- 5<sup>th</sup> April- French Day/ End of Spring Term
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April- Bank Holiday
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April- Return to school



### WELCOME BACK

We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break. The children have accomplished a great deal in the past term and we have an exciting term coming up with lots going on!

### R.E

At the heart of our learning is Religious Education. We focus on four main topics in RE this term: Special People – Children will be thinking about those who help on Sunday in Church and those who do special jobs as we gather together to celebrate the Good News of Jesus.

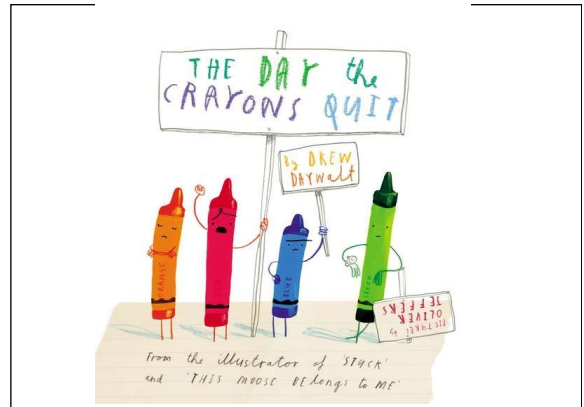
Meals – The children will be discussing groups who share special meals (including Mass as Jesus' special meal).

Change – This topic focuses on the upcoming time of Lent as preparation for the celebration of Easter. The children will be discussing how they change and grow in Lent.

Holidays and Holydays- The children will be discussing holidays as days to be happy and linking this to Pentecost (the feast of the Holy Spirit).

### READING, PHONICS:

At this age, we ask that the children practise their reading at least 5 times a week and this should be recorded in their reading organisers. It is the children's responsibility to change their



The Day the Crayons Quit—Drew Daywalt

### Curriculum

This term, our topic is called 'What is the toy story?'. The children will be learning all about toys of the past and the present. We will be looking at Nottingham in the past and the present and Richard Steiff who created the teddy bear and Richard T James, the creator of the slinky. The children will be reading a variety of books, such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Day the Crayons Quit and The Day the Crayons Came Home, to support their learning and literacy progression.

This exciting topic will also create opportunities for special events with the children.

After half-term, our topic will be called 'Who would Shrek find in his swamp?' We will be focusing on the local environment and traditional tales such as Little Red Riding Hood.

This term we have lots of exciting events planned for the children including WOW days. Please see the left hand column for more information.

own reading books. We encourage you to help and support your children with their reading at every opportunity, We also like to suggest regular library visits as this gives the children a chance to experience a wider range of books as well as giving them a chance to challenge themselves outside of school.

## Homework

Homework will go out on a Friday and should be handed in by the following Thursday. It will range from Maths problem solving, reading activities/games, spelling, punctuation and research for the coming weeks.

We ask that you check your child's work and initial it before it comes back to school.

The homework set is directly linked to our work in class and it is very important that your child completes their homework on time.

We do not expect the homework to be handed in on Monday, we ask for it on **Thursday** to ensure that the children have plenty of time to practice their spellings.

Spellings will be tested on Friday. Our weekly spellings use the phonics sound we have been learning during the week. We have sent home copies of high frequency words for the children to learn.



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## Uniform

The children have come back to school looking really smart and we would like this to continue throughout the year. Please ensure your child only wears brown or black hair bands/clips/bobbles in their hair. Remember **no fashion hair styles** and no earrings. Shaven hair must be a grade 2 or longer.

We ask that you make sure your child has the correct PE kit in school ready for every Thursday afternoon when we have PE. This will be sent home every half term to be washed.

We ask that all uniform and PE kits are labelled clearly with children's names. Staff cannot be held responsible for missing belongings. Labelling clothing will help to prevent loses.

## How can you help?

Please support your child by reading with them on a daily basis. Asking questions about the story will help to improve your child's comprehension skills. We also encourage parents to practise the weekly spellings and to learn the 100 high frequency words found in the children's reading diaries.

Encourage your children to go onto Athletics as much as possible to earn points. This is a fantastic way to develop your child's mathematical skills.

We are looking forward to continue working with you. Please avoid taking holidays during term time wherever possible as it is very difficult for the children to catch up on the work they have missed.

## Phonics

We are working towards the phonics screening test which will take place in the Summer term. Please keep practising any phonics challenges which are sent home; these are to help prepare the children for the phonics test.

The children all practice phonics every day and they know how to add sound buttons on to words. There is a dot for a phoneme (a single sound), a line for a digraph (two letters which make one sound) and a trigraph (three letters which make one sound) and a semi circle line for the split digraph. All of the children know how to do this, please support them when they are practising these skills; it helps them to read the words.

If you have any queries or questions about phonics, please do not hesitate to contact the teaching staff.



Toys throughout the ages.

## Year 1 Team

May we thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to a very successful Spring term.

Miss Holmes, Miss Wilkins, Miss Reynolds and Miss Iris.

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