

Reception Newsletter

Spring Term 2022

Dear Parents / carers.

Happy New Year!

We hope you are all well and had a wonderful Christmas break. The children are settling back into the school routine wonderfully and we have loved hearing all about their Christmas adventures.

Our current topic is 'Space' and our big question is 'How big is the universe?'

We will spend time looking at all of the different vehicles that are used in Space, the solar system, what an astronaut is and using this to inspire our writing.

EYFS Stay and Play We will be hosting a Stay and Play soon for your children to share their learning from this topic. We will inform you of the date in plenty of time and we are very excited to be able to welcome you all into the classroom again.

Outdoors We spend lots of time outside, learning through play every day whatever the weather! Please can you provide wellies and for your children to keep in school, so they can enjoy the mud kitchen, water area and also our welly walks. Please also ensure your child has a warm coat and a hat in school regardless of the weather.

Thank you so much for all of your support it is very much appreciated.

Mrs Dunning, Mrs McKeown and Miss Laden



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Our first topic this term is 'Celebrating' and our big question is 'Why and how do we celebrate?' We will be talking about all of the different ways in which we celebrate. If you have any photographs of any family celebrations, please email them to dunning.c@staugustines.npcat.org.uk

PE

We now have PE on a Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure your comes to school wearing the correct PE kit on these days.

Maths

During the Spring Term we focus on our number bonds to 5, comparing groups, using the mathematical symbols + and =, balancing, full and empty, capacity and measuring ingredients.



Writing

Writing takes many forms in Reception. We have started trying to use our phonics to help us spell words and using finger spaces to separate our words. As well as writing sessions, there are plenty of opportunities to write in all areas of our provision. We practise our fine motor skills throughout the day too.

Phonics

In Reception, we continue to follow the Little Wandle Revised Letters & Sounds phonics scheme.



Reading

I am sure you are already amazed at how wonderful your child is at reading. I am so proud of the progress they are all making. Please ensure you continue to log onto the Collins website and let your child read the books that have been allocated to them. Your child will shortly begin bringing books home. Please continue to read to your child too. This is so important in their language development and will help to foster a love of reading.

The Early Years curriculum is split into 7 areas of learning. Here's what we will be focussing on this term –

Prime Areas

Personal, Social and Emotional Development – Playing with more than 1 child, resolving conflict by themselves, how to stay healthy and look after themselves.

Communication and Language – Using longer sentences to articulate their ideas, engage in non-fiction books, using connectives to connect one idea to another.

Physical Development – Exploring and learning in all weathers, using a wide variety of indoor and outdoor equipment to develop fine and gross motor skills.

The four specific areas help children to strengthen and apply the prime areas:

Literacy – Reading short phrases and sentences, writing our full name with capital letters, using finger spaces and continuing with the Little Wandle phonics programme.

Mathematics – Number bonds to 5, Comparing quantities, Capacity and Measuring.

Understanding the world – Recognising the planet we live on, phases of the moon, other planets in our solar system, nocturnal animals, recognising some environments which are different to ours.

Expressive arts and design – Create collaboratively sharing ideas, resources and skills, Colour mixing, Moving to music.

Uniform

Everyone is looking extremely smart in their green St Augustine's uniform! Please make sure your child's name is in **every** item of clothing, coat, shoe etc.

Snack / Water Bottles

School will provide a fruit or veg snack daily.
Water bottles should only contain water. Please no fruit juice, fizzy drinks or flavoured water. We will do a lot of work on looking after our teeth and these drinks have been proven to damage them.

Google Classroom

If your child is isolating then work will be placed on Google Classroom for them. Please ensure this work is completed and submitted each day.
If you have any difficulties logging into Google Classroom, please let me know and I will try to help you.

TERM DATES: ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-22



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190 PUPIL ATTENDANCE DAYS PLUS 5 PD DAYS

Bank Holiday

School Holiday

PD Days (students will not attend school)

