

Dear Families,

We would like to warmly welcome our new children and families to the school. It has been wonderful to see the children settling in, making new friends and getting involved in class activities. They have all enjoyed a happy first week back, learning and having fun together.

RE - To the Ends of the Earth

In this branch, children are gently introduced to what happened after Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension. They will hear simple stories about the coming of the Holy Spirit and how Jesus' friends, the apostles, began to share His message of love with others.

Through these stories, children will explore important values such as kindness, friendship and caring for one another. They will also begin to understand that the Church today continues this work, helping people to come together, pray and show love in their communities.

Mary our Mother

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady. During the month of May we think about Mary our Mother and continue to say our 'Lovely Lady' Nursery prayer. We will send a copy of this home for you.



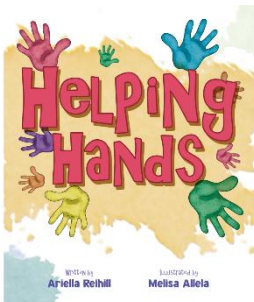
Maths

In our number work, the children will explore numbers up to 5 through fun Rhyme Time activities, practising counting forwards and backwards while building confidence and enjoyment. They will develop subitising skills by recognising small amounts without counting, learn how the number 5 is made, represent numbers in different ways using Numicon and match numerals to quantities. Alongside this, they will explore shapes and their properties, begin to sequence events in their day and investigate length and height through practical, hands-on activities.

Phonics

We will continue to develop early phonics skills by building strong listening and attention, alongside a love of books and storytelling. The children will enjoy listening walks, exploring different sounds and using body percussion to support memory, turn-taking and concentration. Through discussion and questions, they will deepen their understanding of stories, with a focus on rhythm, rhyme and alliteration.

Children moving to Reception in September will begin learning Set 1 sounds and a separate letter with more information will be sent home to those families next week.



PSHE

This half term, we will be learning about kindness, inclusion and friendship through stories and class discussions. We began with 'Helping Hands' by Ariella Reihill, where the children are learning

how being kind can make a difference and that everyone's role is important. We will also explore how to include others, make friends with people who may be different to us and understand how others might feel.

Dates for your diary

Event	Date
Earth Day	Wednesday 22nd April
St George's Day	Thursday 23rd April
Bank Holiday (School closed)	Monday 4th May
Nursery Rhyme Event (more info to follow)	Tuesday 19th May

Reminders

Please bring library books in every Wednesday for them to be changed.

Please ensure all clothing items are clearly labelled.

Please do not include any nuts or products containing nuts, such as Nutella bars, in lunch boxes, as we are a nut-free school and have children and staff with allergies. Also, no sweets, chocolate, or juice please. Water is provided for the children to drink.

Sun Hats and Sun Cream

We are hoping for warmer weather soon, please remember to send your child to school with a sun hat (clearly marked with their name) and apply sun cream before they come to school in the morning.

If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Keegan, Miss Latus, Mrs Rizzi or any of the Early Years Team. Thank you again for your continued support.

The Nursery Team
