



## Summer 2 News

### **The Great Outdoors 'Dialogue and Encounter'.**

**Welcome back!**

**This topic provides lots of opportunities to observe, explore and investigate!**

The children have shown a great interest in their 'surroundings' and so we look forward to exploring this more with the children this half term. We will also be encouraging the children's writing through stories and experiences. Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring minibeasts – Please share the story 'Mad about Minibeasts' with your child-This is a great introduction to the topic and the different minibeasts the children can find, possibly in their own garden! Please see the link below.

[Mad About Minibeasts](#)

We will be exploring lots of stories about Minibeasts over the next few weeks!

'Mr Ordinary's Prize' - We will also have the pleasure of finding out about the story of the Manchester Coat of Arms - someone has stolen Mr Ordinary's Thinking and Doing! What will he do without them? Mr Ordinary and his friends need our help to try to get them back!

[Dates for your Diary](#)

**Walk of the Local Area –Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 9:15am**

We will be thinking about the word 'Community' and what our community and local area means to us. With this in mind, we would like to take the children on a walk of the local area. If you are able to join us, please let a member of staff know. Thank you!

**Sports Day -Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 9:15am.**

This event will take place on the school field.

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The Summer 2 theme is '**Dialogue and Encounter**'.

The children now have a real sense of 'belonging' to their class and school community. The children are learning that they belong to the Church family.

We will continue to explore scripture and the children will find out about the Friends of Jesus. They will hear about the life of St Peter and St Paul, friends of Jesus (linking to their feast day).

We will share the story of Jesus calling Peter a rock on which He will build His church. The children will know that this meant Peter was going to do a very important job in spreading the word about Jesus – just like rocks do a very important job in buildings. Peter told lots and lots of people all around the world about Jesus and became the first leader of the Church – the first Pope.

We will be joined by a special visitor from our parish church -All Saints' to talk about their faith and why it matters to them to be a friend of Jesus. The children will **know that we are all invited to be friends with Jesus and will explore how they are a friend of Jesus- Encouraging them to listen to each other and respect each other's opinions and feelings about Jesus. We will think about the questions**

**-How can I talk to Jesus? How can I share Jesus with other people?**

**We will join in with a whole school RE project about other faiths**-Each year group will be learning about a different aspect of Judaism, its beliefs and practices.

You can help your child by:

- Taking part in the Church's celebration each week at Mass-
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Saturday Evening Mass 5:00pm

Sunday Masses 9:30am (family Mass) and 5:00pm

- All children are invited to join 'Little Church' the Children's Liturgy Group during 9:30am Mass each week.
- During Mass- Give your child a simple children's Mass book with pictures and pointing out to them what is happening.
- Helping your child to learn the simple familiar prayers e.g. the Sign of the Cross, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, morning prayer, night prayer, etc. This can be done easily by simply saying the prayers regularly with them.
- Helping your child to recognise people in their Church family, e.g. the priest as well as the other members of the parish.
- Spending some quiet time before or after Mass (or other suitable time) to point out the tabernacle where Jesus is present in a special way. By using these long words (with a simple explanation) the child will become familiar with them.
- Teaching your child to genuflect or bow their head towards the tabernacle as a sign of reverence before they enter the bench.
- Helping them to appreciate the different people involved in keeping the church beautiful because it is God's House and a place of prayer.

This is the final RE theme for the school year. We hope that you have enjoyed working in partnership with us to enable your child to begin to understand what it means to be a member of a family at home, at school and at church.

**Next week**, we will be learning about the story of Jesus calling Peter "the rock" on which He would build His Church. We will explore how Jesus chose Peter to do the very important job of spreading His message to people around the world. Peter went on to become the first leader of the Church, known as the first Pope.

To support our learning, we would like **each child to bring in a rock or pebble from home**. The children will investigate and sort rocks by their different features, such as size, texture, shape and colour. They will create their own categories and explore how rocks can be stacked and balanced.

We will also be decorating our rocks using a variety of materials, including paint, chalk, water and pens. Please send in a rock or pebble with your child next week -Thank you for your support!

### Sunflowers

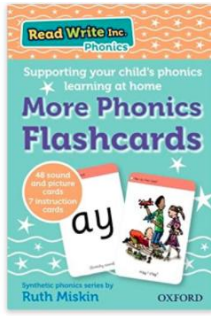
Thank you for encouraging your child to look after their Sunflower. We are enjoying seeing the children's wonderful diary entries each week on Tapestry. Please keep observing the growth of the sunflower with your child. We will be asking for regular updates on your child's sunflower and prizes will be awarded in July for the tallest sunflower.

### Phonics

This half term we will be focussing on consolidating the Set 1 and 2 Sounds.

We recommend to now buy the Set 2 & Set 3 flashcards pack to support your child to review the sounds at home, they will also use them in Year 1.





Amazon Link [Set 2 & Set 3 Sound Pack](#)

### **Sun Hats and Sun Cream**

Please remember to send your child to school with a sun hat (clearly marked with their name) and please apply sun cream before they come to school.

As always, please don't hesitate to approach us with any questions or concerns.

Many thanks for your wonderful support.

Mrs Murphy, Mrs Flanagan, Mrs Valentine and Miss Smallman