



Foundation Stage News

St Francis Class

Week Beginning: 30/9/24



The children have had a great few weeks in school. This week we are reading 'The Three Little Pigs'. We will be having fun exploring this story. For example, building houses that are strong, acting out the story and sequencing the story. In Maths we are working on sorting (i.e. how can these objects be sorted - by colour, size, shape?) The children will be learning to match objects. They will be discovering and talking about what makes them the same and what makes them different.

Thank you!

Thank you to the parents/carers who have returned the 'Did you know...' slips. They have been added to your child's Learning Journal. Also, thank you to the parents/carers who have added photos to Tapestry. It is great to see how your child is developing as a learner in, and outside of school.

Top tips for successful reading at home:

- Limit distractions.
- Find a time which is good for you and your child where you have time to listen.
- Encourage them to use the pictures to tell the story. This is a very important skill.
- Can they spot any of the letter sounds we have been learning at school in the book title?
- Praise your child for having a go, make sure they realise how much you love to hear them read. Read the book multiple times to allow for greater understanding of the story.

Also, try to find time to read your child a bedtime story. The most important part of reading is enjoyment, developing a love of books will turn them into successful readers

Please write a comment in your child's 'Reading Record' book when they have read with you. This gives us an understanding of how they are getting on reading at home with you.



Thank you

Phonics

Alongside developing our listening skills in our Phonics sessions we have started to introduce letter sounds. We are focussing on the sound the letter makes, how we can write it correctly and the sound it makes in a word.

We have learnt the sounds:

s a t p
i n m d

This week we are learning the sounds:

g o c k

... tell you the sound.

Please use this link to watch a video clip which may help you with how to 'say the sounds' if you are unsure:

[Phase 2 Pronunciation on Vimeo](#)

Dates to remember:

-Friday 11th October - Fairytale dress up day. We will be asking the children to come to school dressed as a fairytale character.

-Tuesday 8th October - 9.00 - you are invited to our Reception '6 weeks in' meeting in the Hall where we will give information about our EYFS curriculum and the year ahead.

Reminder...

Our RE for this half term focusses on Baptism. We would be very grateful for any photo's from your child's Baptism to look at in class (please name them). These will be returned to you.



This is how we write our letters at St Catherine's. We will be teaching these to your child in school.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z