

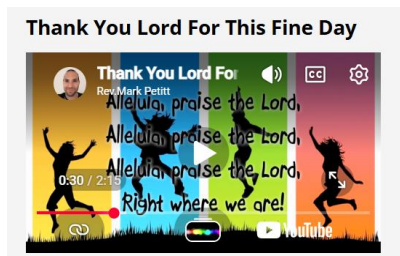
Reception Newsletter – Friday 17th April 2026

Reception's Webpage

You might notice that some documents / videos have been or are going to be removed from Reception's class webpage. This is in preparation for our new website due to be launched shortly. Don't worry, the documents and videos will be uploaded to the new website in time (it might take some time to be able to replicate everything, but I will try my best). The photographs from September to Easter, however, will be lost and not moved.

RE - Easter Unit

This week we have celebrated Easter. We reviewed the Easter story and sequenced pictures to retell the main events of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. The children remembered quite a lot from our role play last term. The children were introduced to the word '**Alleluia**' and made posters for our prayer focus area (photographs on Bluesky). The children were also 'composers' this week by making their own verses for the hymn 'Thank you Lord for this New Day' and sang 'Jesus is Alive It's a Happy Day'.



<https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/hymns/>

Special Friend's Family Mass



The Special Friend's Family Mass for this term take place on **Saturday 18th April & Saturday 27th June** at 6pm.

Phonics – Level 3

Our digraph focus is '**ow**' (**cow & how**) & '**oi**' (**coin & joint**). Please stick these sounds into your child's sound books and help your child learn to recognise these digraphs on sight.

Don't forget to use www.phonicsplay.co.uk to help your child practice reading words using these sounds. You might want to do the dictation challenges using these sounds.

The Tricky Word for this week is '**all**'. Please stick this into your child's Tricky Word book and help them learn to read this on sight. It will begin to crop up in reading scheme books.

Phonics Assessment

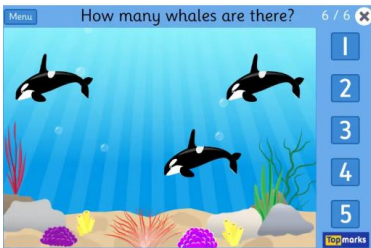
Your child is bringing home a phonics assessment I have completed this week with the Level 3 sounds covered so far. Those sounds with a spot means your child was unable to identify this digraph / trigraph on sight. Please focus on helping your child to learn these missing sounds over the next few months using advice given out previously for the Level 2 assessment. Once we have introduced all Level 3 sounds, we will spend the rest of Reception reviewing Level 3 to ensure children can identify sounds, read regular words using these sounds and write simple regular words using digraphs and trigraphs from Level 3 and introduce Level 4. I will be assessing the children again later in the year and will advise you of their progress.

Handwriting

There has been no letter focus this week. Instead, we have focused on strengthening our thumbs by practicing coin flips (links with our 'oi' phonics story). The children have had fun playing 'heads and tails' and made up some simple games with their friends. You might like to try this at home.

Maths

This week we've focused on counting sets of objects, writing and matching numbers within 10 and played a variety of mathematical games. Snakes and Ladders was a favourite of the children along with this interactive game below:



<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/underwater-counting>

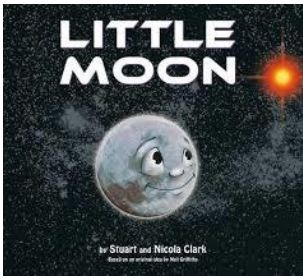
Understanding the World – Exploring Space - Planets

Over Easter there was the historic Artemis II's exploration of the moon. Some children said they had been watching at home. Thank you for helping to inspire the children with this experience. We watched a few clips in school and also watched the story being read from space by Christina Koch who was on the Artemis II expedition:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dtzMJipiuA>



We carried on with our Exploring Space unit by learning about planets. Our focus story was 'Little Moon' by Nicola Clark. The children have been learning to name the planets in order and know a few facts about each planet. There are 2 lovely songs and an information video on the class website to help and have also listened to Gustav Holst's The Planets to help the children's imagination. Next week will be our final week of the Exploring Space unit.



Dates

Wednesday 22nd April – EYFS Online Safety Workshop 9am – 9.45am

Thursday 23rd April - EYFS Online Safety Workshop 2.15pm – 3pm

Friday 24th April – Parent & Child Reading Session at 2.30pm

Thursday 30th April – London Marathon Day (information to follow)

Friday 1st May – London Marathon Day (information to follow)

Friday 1st May – PTA Mufti Day for men's socks (information to follow)

May – BTK Marian Art Work

Monday 18th May – Local History Week

Tuesday 19th May – Reception & Y6 Mass at church 9am. Please drop your child to church at 8.45am (information to follow)

Wednesday 20th May – St Anne's Feast Dedication Day. Whole School Mass at 9am followed by our May Procession (information to follow)

Friday 22nd May – Journey Through Time Day (information to follow)

Friday 22nd May – Celebration Assembly at 9am

Friday 22nd May – Break up for half term

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Turley