

# St Charles R.C. Primary School. Foundation Stage Home Information Letter.

Class: Nursery Summer 1 2016

Investigative theme:  
New Life/Growth/ Holidays

Dear Parents/Carers,

In this Summer 1 half term we will be focusing on;

## Religion of faith,"

**"Jesus' life, death and resurrection are the central event of all human history and at the heart**

We will be talking about New Life and we will offer children opportunities to:

- Begin to understand that because Jesus rose from the dead we can experience Easter;
- Know the story of Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene when he rose from the dead and begin to understand why this story is important.
- Begin to understand the special gift of joy and peace that Jesus gave to the disciples and can give to us.
- Know the story of Jesus going back to his Father in heaven.

**Communication Language Literacy and Writing -** Supporting the children's language skills through rhymes, songs and stories. We will plan with the children activities that they enjoy, focusing on communication, intonation, rhythm, phrasing and building on their existing phonic knowledge We will continue supporting writing skills and name recognition. Our topic is 'New Life, Growth and Holidays'. We will find out about planting seeds/bulbs and grow our own fruit and veg. We will discuss what the children think about different types of holidays and how they feel about going on holiday. We will pack a suitcase and make a list of what to take. We may travel in a rocket, a submarine or even perhaps on a magic carpet, who knows what adventures we will have!!!

## Mathematics

The children will be encouraged to show an interest in shape and space, to show an awareness of shapes in the environment and to use and understand positional language. We will use mathematical language to describe a journey to school or around the school grounds describing position and direction. We will revise the 2D shapes that we covered in Autumn and introduce the children to 3D shapes. We will also continue to play games involving counting, sorting and recognising numbers.

## Understanding of the World.

We will encourage the children to show an interest in the world in which they live, introducing them to new information and encouraging and extending their own ideas. This half term we will have an incubator in Nursery and some fertile eggs and hopefully we will see little chicks hatching! The children will be able to handle and care for the chicks during their stay with us. We will encourage the children to use nonfiction books, the internet and television to gather factual information about our topic. We will scaffold their natural curiosity about why things happen and how things work, teaching them to use simple equipment correctly and realise tools can be used for a purpose. We will also encourage the children to express their feelings about personal events.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will encourage the children to play as a group, extending and elaborating their play ideas e.g. building up a role-play activity with their friends, initiating play, offering cues to peers to join them and to keeps play going by responding to what others are saying or doing. The children will be encouraged to talk freely about their home and community, to be confident in linking up with others for support and guidance and also to realise the needs of others.

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### Expressive Art and Design

We will encourage the children to talk about the things they create indicating personal satisfaction or frustration. We will encourage them to use available resources to create props to support their role-play. The children often notice what adults do and imitate what is observed and then doing it spontaneously when the adult is not there, we will record these observations. We will explore colour, shape and begin to differentiate between colours and we will encourage the children to describe the texture of things. We will give the children opportunity to explore different materials creatively making 3D models or mobiles.

### Physical Development

The children will be encouraged to show respect for each other's personal space when playing together in groups and to collaborate in devising and share tasks, including those which involve accepting rules. The children will also be encouraged to show their awareness of a range of healthy practices with regard to eating, sleeping and personal hygiene.

### Last terms special times

Our topic was 'Minibeasts' and we focused on bees, worms, caterpillars and butterflies and the children can discuss the butterfly life cycle confidently.

They were proud of the lovely gifts they made for Mothers' Day and Easter. The children have a sound knowledge of the life of Jesus and they can all contribute to class discussions about the Easter story. We all enjoyed the Easter activities in school.

The children are becoming more confident with their early literacy and mathematical skills. They are a keen and happy class which is a sure sign that they are learning.

### General comments

Now the Summer term is here we are fast approaching the end of your child's Nursery year unbelievable isn't it? You will be notified shortly about your child's transition into the Reception class.

We will have some fertilised hens eggs, an incubator and a brooder in the Nursery so the children will see the eggs hatch and have the chance to handle the chicks.

Next term we will start our 'Play and Stay Sessions' and you will be invited to stay and play with your child on a Friday morning for an hour or two. To avoid a 'crowd' we will invite you in family groups e.g Stars, Sunshines and Rainbows. I'll let you know the exact details in a separate letter.

Perhaps this is wishful thinking but during the Summer we intend to play outside as much as possible so please bring a sun hat for your child with their name on and please apply sun cream to your child in the morning before arriving at Nursery and please do not just send sun cream into school in their bags without telling us.

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHILD'S SPARE CLOTHES,**

**WE DO NOT KEEP SPARES IN SCHOOL. YOUR CHILD MAY BE DRY BUT THE CHILDREN OFTEN HAVE TO GET CHANGED AFTER A MESSY PLAY ACTIVITY AND ALSO THE NURSERY FUND OF £1 A WEEK**

Thank you for your continued support

Kind Regards

Mrs Starkie

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