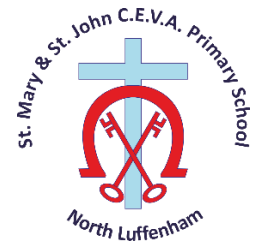


St. Mary & St. John

Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

North Luffenham, Rutland



Headteacher: Mrs H Roddy

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed plenty of chocolate and family time. I can't believe we are starting the summer term!

In our learning this term we will be focusing on the theme **Let's go outside!** We will be looking at how things grow, including beans and seeds and discussing life cycles of birds, sheep and seeds. We will be finding out more about rainbows, clouds, beetles and other creepy crawlies and lots more as the better weather gets us outside exploring in our outdoor area. We will continue to follow the progress of our local birds, the Ospreys at Rutland Water, the Peregrine Falcons in Stamford and the Barn Owls in Bourne. We are looking forward to seeing the eggs and hopefully the chicks being born over the next term.

In reading, we will continue with our phonics programme (Read Write Inc). We will continue to revise our set 2 sounds and apply these into our Fred Spelling and writing. We will be continuing to work on our blending and reading of green words, learning red words and writing short captions and sentences. We will be learning the text for Jasper's Beanstalk this term in our Talk 4 Writing sessions. We will continue to change books weekly, one as a reading book and one to share as a book for pleasure. All reading should be logged on Boom Reader. Please keep practising set 1 and 2 sounds at home too and encouraging the children to blend their green words and recognise their red words.

Our maths learning this term starts by continuing our work on shape by spotting, copying and continuing more complex patterns, we will then be looking at numbers beyond ten, recognising them, understanding how they are built and ordering them. We will then be finding out more about adding and taking away, looking at selecting shapes for different arrangements, rotating shapes and finding different ways to compose and decompose shapes. We finish the term by introducing sharing and grouping. We will continue to use our maths in all areas of our learning and spotting maths in the environment around us and in our play.

This term as part of our 'Understanding of the World' we will be thinking about the roles of people in our society. We will be discussing roles such as doctors, nurses, dentists, police officers, farmers and fire fighters. We already have a visit from a paramedic, optician and doctor booked in. If you or anyone in your family has an occupation which is similar and would like to come in and talk to the children about it, we would be very grateful, please send me an email or message on dojo. We are looking forward to our trip to Wing farm on **Friday 24th April** and finding out more about the life cycles of sheep and learning about the role of a farmer from Farmer Mike. If you haven't already, please give permission and make payment via ParentPay asap.

In connection with our observation of the Ospreys, I am in the process of organising an exciting painting workshop to fit in with our Expressive art and Design work. Further details and dates to follow so watch this space.

A final thing we will be working on is building the children's independence and ability to self-regulate. It is important that the children can do up their coats, take off their own jumpers, change their shoes and other similar tasks. We will be positively supporting and encouraging the children to have a go at these things in school and it would be great if you could support us by doing this at home too.

The children have loved being out on the field during lunch times and have been very excited to play with the rest of the school. They have coped brilliantly with this transition. We will be continuing to support them with transition by organising sessions and story times in the year 1 classroom towards the end of this term and into the next so they can get used to the surroundings in preparation for next year.

As the weather improves, please can the children have a named sun hat which can remain in school. The children will still need their raincoats and spare clothes (in case of accidents) in school please. Please can all clothing be named and any borrowed items returned when finished with.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me on: louise.gamble@northluffenham.rutland.sch.uk catch me at the door or send me a message on class dojo.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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