



Early Years Newsletter

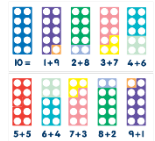
The children have really enjoyed our topic 'Ready, Steady Cook' and have created many delicious dishes! They have written menus and recipe cards and used their maths to help them count and weigh ingredients. They have particularly enjoyed Supertato and the Evil Pea! This week they have been involved in Aspirations Week. They have particularly loved our visits from Dr Hockley, PC Hockley and our local Coastguards. I look forward to seeing all their costumes this Friday.

Our Topic

Fairy Tales



Our next topic, is 'Fairy Tales!' The children will be listening to a range of different fairy tales. They will then be acting them out, retelling using puppets and writing their own fairy tale stories. If you have a favourite fairy tale from your own childhood or from a different culture, please do let us know! Our topic will draw to a close by celebrating and having a fairy tale ball on Friday 3rd April, children are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite fairy tale character. our topic We will also be using our topic in maths where we will be concentrating on writing our numbers correctly to 20, adding and subtracting as well as learning our number bonds to 10 and 20.



Timetable

Below is a timetable of some of the lessons that will go on weekly. Hopefully it will help those conversations about their school day!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Stay and Play	Indoor PE	RE	Library Music French Football	RE
Monitors		Class Assembly	Hymn Practice	Celebration assembly
Whole School Mass				

We will also be having daily phonics, literacy and numeracy lessons.

Free play, art activities and gross motor activities (bikes, climbing equipment...) will continue to take place daily, both inside and outside. We will also visit the playtrail most days!

Helpful Homework

We will be sending home individualised homework to support your child's learning this half term. We would encourage all our families, if possible, to support their child in completing these. Of course you can carry on doing the usual reading and tricky words as well. Thank you in advance for your support.





Junk Modelling

Please save your recyclables over the half term and send them into school the first week back as we plan to make junk modelling castles.



Wet Weather



We feel it is important for children to explore the outdoor area in all weathers (within reason!). Please could you ensure that children have a named coat when the weather is cold and /or rainy. If you are sending in hats, scarves and gloves please can these be named too!

Family Learning

We will be holding a range of family learning events throughout the year, dates for your diary are below. In the unlikely event that I need to change a date, I will give you as much notice as possible.



INSET day - Monday 24th February

Bumblebee Class Assembly - Wednesday 4th March 3.10pm (you may come to the office at 3pm)

Ladybird Class Liturgy - Wednesday 11th March 9.05-9.20am

Model Making in Class - Tuesday 17th March 2.00-3.30pm

Year R Graduation - Monday July 20th 9.30am

Stay and Play

'Stay and Play' sessions will continue on **MONDAYS** with the first session being at 8.45am on Monday 2nd March. Siblings and extended family are most welcome!

This year we will be changing the day for Stay and Play every half term, to allow as many working families to attend as possible.

These will run from 8.45-9.30am. Siblings and extended family are most welcome!

Stay and Play will be on Wednesdays during Summer 1 (Wednesday 22nd April-Wed 20th May)

Stay and Play will be on Thursdays during Summer 2 (Thursday 4th June - Thursday 9th July)



Please do fill in an 'I'm Proud of my child because...' and send into class or email jverhiest@st-swithuns.portsmouth.sch.uk (photos welcome) so we can celebrate these moments at school.

I'm proud of my child because...

Child's name: _____
From _____ Date _____

I'm proud of my child because...

Child's name: _____
From _____ Date _____
























I'm proud of my child because...

Child's name: _____
From _____ Date _____









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Child's name: _____
From _____ Date _____

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