

St Mary's Nursery School

February Newsletter



"Play is the highest form of research." –
Albert Einstein

School Holidays

Our Mid Term break is
15th – 19th February
(School will be closed and no remote learning uploaded)

In line with recent directives from
our Executive, remote learning will continue
until 8th March.

This is due to be reviewed mid-February.
We will keep parents updated of
any further changes to schools.

Home Learning

Staff are continuing to prepare the Home Learning Sheets, which are available on our website. We hope you and the children are enjoying them. Mrs Friel will also continue with the Tumbletots session via Zoom on Wednesdays – please join in if you can, it's great fun!

Primary Movement

Mrs Hoy and Mrs Friel are trained in Primary Movements. When the children return to the normal school day we shall be spending ten minutes daily before dinner singing some action rhymes and following some movements. The activities are

designed to stimulate a specific pattern of motor skill development and may help your child's overall development. The children will enjoy participating in these simple action rhymes.

Contact Numbers

Please ensure you keep us notified of any changes to your contact number. This will ensure parents receive the messages from our text messaging service. Please email Mrs Gault if you need to check or amend your number – thank you!

You can help your child at home by ...



- Encourage your child to set the table, counting out the place settings for the family members.
- Encourage your child to pour their own drink, praising their efforts.

Talking Tip

Help your child develop good language and communication skills with this tip:

Talk about things as they happen,
eg when you're both unpacking the shopping.

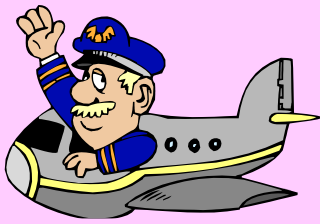
Curriculum Matters

Colours for the month

This month's colours are pink and red. The shape we are focussing on is the heart ♥. Please encourage your child to look out for these colours and shape in their environment.



Topic for the month/Shape for the month



The topics for this month are Transport and People Who Help Us. The children can explore the concepts (at a basic level) of push, pull, forces – acceleration, deceleration, magnets, floating and sinking. This can be encouraged through play areas – magnets, planks, metal and non-metal transport vehicles in sand and water. Try to encourage your child to verbalise why sand slows down vehicles – how magnets work etc.



Encourage your child to predict which objects will float/sink. You can play in water with various shaped vegetables, boats, rocks, feathers, balls etc.

It is also a good idea to heighten the children's awareness of people around us who help us.



February Songs & Rhymes

Please use YouTube to help you teach your child these songs at home!

The Queen of Hearts

The Queen of Hearts
She baked some tarts
All on a summer's day
The Knave of Hearts
He stole them tarts
And took them clean away.



The King of Hearts
Called for the tarts
And beat the knave full sore
The Knave of Hearts
Brought back the tarts
And vowed he'd steal no more.

Sing a Song of Sixpence

Sing a song of sixpence
A pocket full of rye
Four and twenty blackbirds
Baked in a pie
When the pie was open
The birds began to sing
Now wasn't that a dainty dish
To set before the King.



The King was in his counting house
Counting out his money
The queen was in the parlour
Eating bread and honey
The maid was in the garden
Hanging out the clothes
When down came a blackbird
And pecked off her nose,

London's Burning

London's burning
London's burning
Fetch the engine
Fetch the engine
Fire Fire
Fire Fire
Pour on water
Pour on water



The Day I went to Sea

When I was 1 I sucked my thumb
The day I went to sea
I jumped aboard a pirate ship
And the captain said to me
We're going this way that way
Forward and backward
Over the Irish Sea
A bottle of rum to fill my tum
And that's the life for me.



When I was 2 I buckled my shoe.....
When I was 3 I climbed a tree.....
When I was 4 I knocked on the door.....
When I was 5 I learned to dive.....

My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean

My bonnie lies over the ocean
My bonnie lies over the sea
My bonnie lies over the ocean
Oh bring back my bonnie to me

Bring back, bring back
Oh bring back my bonnie to me to me
Bring back, bring back
Oh bring back my bonnie to me to me

Last night as I lay on my pillow
Last night as I lay on my bed
Last night as I lay on my pillow
I dreamt that my bonnie was dead



Chorus

Oh blow your winds over the ocean
Oh blow your winds over the sea
Oh blow your winds over the ocean
And bring back my bonnie to me

Chorus

The winds have blown over the ocean
The winds have blown over the sea
The winds have blown over the ocean
And brought back my bonnie to me.

