

St Mary's Nursery School



Newsletter

"Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn." –
O Fred Donaldson



School Holidays

The school shall be closed on
Thursday 17th March
to celebrate St Patrick's Day and
Friday 18th March
for Staff Training



Wednesday 16th March is our GREEN DAY –
children are welcome to wear the colour green to school!!

World Book Day

World Book Day is **Thursday 3rd March**. To celebrate this day,

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

which encourages the children to love language, stories and reading, we thought the children might like to come to school dressed-up as their favourite character!! (Dressing-up is optional).

Lovely story sacks will be available to the children throughout the day and a £1 book token will be emailed for each child.



Activities



We are looking forward to having four sessions with Drama Time. These sessions will be held in the Pastoral centre on Wednesday 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th March. These classes are filled with a variety of fun drama games and activities.

Parents' Workshops

We are delighted to be continuing the Wellbeing Workshops on Tuesday evenings from 7-8pm. From Tuesday 22nd March we will be facilitating Meditation Workshops instead - please speak to Mrs Friel if you would like to join in.

Time to Talk Programme

The children will follow this programme to develop their oral and social interaction skills. The programme will be delivered in small groups of eight or nine children and is very worthwhile and will be enjoyed by the children!

Maths for the month

This month's colour is green. The shape we shall be encouraging the children to recognise is the square ■. Encourage your child to look out for shades of green in their environment and squares. We will be developing their pattern making skills through beads, mosaics, pegs, threading etc.



Topics for the month



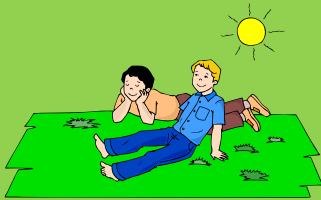
This month the topics are Spring and Growth! Children can observe the signs of Spring in their environment.

Curriculum Matters

We will be planting seeds and discussing growth and new life.



We will be developing their awareness of life cycles and developing their language alongside this - big, small, baby, adult, the names of animals, parts of plants etc. To heighten your children's observational skills, signs of spring and growth around them should be discussed. They will also be enjoying lots of stories, rhymes and songs about spring.



Road Safety Awareness topics

This month our topic is discussions on safe places to play like the garden and the park.



Talking Tip

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

Listen carefully and give your child time to finish talking.

Take turns to speak.



You can help your child at home by ...

- 1) Allowing them to help clear and wipe the table after eating.
- 2) Allowing them to help with laundry tasks - matching socks, filling and emptying the washing machine.

School Closures: March – June 2022

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| 17 th March | School Holiday |
| 18 th March | School Development Day for Staff Training |
| 15 th April | School Development Day for Staff Training |
| 18 th – 22 nd April | School Holiday |
| 2 nd May | School Development Day for Staff Training |
| 16 th – 20 th May | School Holiday |
| 2 nd – 3 rd June | School Holiday |