



Reception Weekly Newsletter

Term: Autumn Term 1

Week: 4

Week beginning: 30.09.2022

Religious Education

Domestic Church - Family – Myself

This week we have continued with our 'Come and See' topic of 'Myself' We introduced the term 'precious', talked about how special we are and what makes us precious to God. We talked about being wrapped up in God's love and compared it to being wrapped up and holding close new babies and we discussed how God loves us all the same even though we are different to each other. Next week we will spend time reflecting on what we have learnt so far and will see if we can independently use any of the key words that we have been introduced to during the topic.

Communication & Language and Literacy

We continued with 'The Color Monster' this week and talked with our partners about the different emotions we feel such as happy, sad, angry, scared and calm. We discussed what makes us happy and drew these objects in some jars. We had some lovely pictures of the children's mummies, daddies, brothers, sisters and pets! The children suggested ideas of what they could do to help them when they are feeling angry and learnt some 'Yogabug' techniques for keeping calm. We also read 'The Colour Monster goes to School and linked it to how we felt on our own very 1st day at Bishop Eton.

Home Learning

For our home learning task this weekend, we have sent home a sheet with your child's name on. Underneath is their name again which is highlighted. This is to be cut out. We suggest you mix the letters and see if your child can rearrange them to spell their name and then stick it on top of the name that is not highlighted and stick the sheet in their homework book. Alternatively, they can just stick the highlighted letters directly onto the first page of the homework book.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (Managing Self)

The children have been trying really hard since they began Reception in managing their self-care needs. Our aim is for them to become increasingly independent and therefore we often talk with them about them 'having a go' at things like wiping their own bottom and putting on clothes such as socks, shoes, coats and jumpers/cardigans by themselves. Sometimes they may not always get it right but we are proud of the effort and perseverance they are showing. We do understand that mornings at home can be busy but can we ask that you also continue to encourage them to do the same at home.

Linked to this can we just remind you again about naming **ALL** items of clothes including shoes and even socks. We have a handful of cardigans, jumpers and sweatshirts already with no homes so if you think you are missing one, please ask a member of the team. In addition, some people have said they are missing items that are named. Can we reassure you that if this is the case, they often do turn up, even if it after a little while. Please could you have a check this weekend to ensure that all items of clothing belong to your child and not one of their classmates.

PE

On Monday, the children enjoyed their 1st proper session of P.E. and were absolutely amazing. Mr Bostock was so impressed and couldn't believe that the children were new to our school! They listened well to instructions, were really sensible and most of all had lots of fun. They were even asking if they could do it again on Tuesday.

Phonics

This week we continued playing initial sound games and practised listening to words being sound talked to see if the children could hear what they are and find the matching objects.

Next week we will begin our teaching of Level 2 phonics and the children will be learning their first phonemes (s, a, t, p). On Monday we will send home a wallet with these sounds in as flash cards and parent information sheets for each sound. Please use the wallet to store your cards in and keep this in your child's book bag (rather than your child's homework folder) so that you always have them to hand to practise. The flashcards show the letter and a picture associated with it. The parent information sheets show the letter / picture associated with that letter sound, the action to go with it, how to form the letter and the mnemonic, the song that helps them to remember the sound and some words containing that sound so that you can practise 'sound talking' to see if your child can make the word.

On subsequent Mondays, we will send home an A4 page with the 4 sounds on for that week. We suggest that you cut them up and use them daily for 5mins to practise naming each sound. If the children are able to do this – try it the opposite way around. Lay all of the cards out, say a sound and let the children identify the correct one.

Maths and Literacy

To help the children transition successfully we have not yet begun any formal teaching of Literacy or Maths.

We have started Literacy but incorporated it into our Come and See and getting to know each other and specifically introducing emotional Literacy in talking about and describing our feelings. We have used this time to support the children in settling into school routines and have used resources within our continuous provision to enhance your child's learning.

Our baseline assessments are now almost complete and we have been informally assessing the children and we will use this information to inform future planning and activities allowing us to get a whole picture of the children's capabilities and celebrate their successes in their learning.

Reading and Writing Meeting

We would like to invite you to a meeting on Tuesday 11th October at 4.15 pm in the school hall to inform you about the teaching of reading and writing in Reception. This is a parent only meeting to allow us to share information and therefore we please ask that children to not attend.

This will give details of our phonics programme, information about reading books and your child's physical development and will support you to support your child on their early reading journey.

Diary dates

Next Friday: 7th October

Non- uniform day to celebrate the CAFOD Family fast day. Children may wear their own clothes in exchange for a £1 donation for our CAFOD charity.

Sunday 9th October

Reception welcome Mass – Bishop Eton Church at 10.00am Mass
HSA New Reception families BBQ: 1pm – 4pm

Friday 21st October: Break up for half term

Monday 6th November: School starts for autumn term 2

December Dates

Wednesday 14th December

Reception Collective Worship – 9.30am

Friday 16th December

(School) Christmas jumper Day and Christmas lunch

Wednesday 21st December - am

OLBE's got Talent

Wednesday 21st December – pm

Class Christmas parties

Thursday 22nd December – 1pm

Break up for Christmas