



ST. GABRIEL'S CATHOLIC PRE-SCHOOL

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Spring Second Half 2024

Welcome back to our Second Half Term of 2024. We hope you all had a lovely half-term break.

Our topic this half-term will be 'Animals'

Within this we will be doing different themes each week which are based on our Twinkl phonics:

26.02 – Farm animals.

04.03 – Jungle and Safari animals.

11.03 – Under the Sea.

18.03 – Minibeasts.

25.03 – Arctic Animals.

We will also have a quality text each week and our activities will be based around this book and the theme as well as children's interests.

In Maths we will be doing some consolidation of numbers 1-5 from last half term then moving onto number 6, height, length, mass and capacity.

We will also learn a different nursery rhyme each week which follows our Maths topic.

We will continue to do PE with ASM on Tuesdays and Rhythm time on Thursdays.

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day, children can come in dressed in their PJs or their favourite book character.

Science week

11th – 15th March is Science week, on Thursday 14th Children can come in dressed like scientists or in their own clothes. We will be doing a whole school experiment and other fun science activities and assemblies.

Busy Bags

Over the next half term your child may come home with a Pre-School busy bag. These will cover different areas of learning and enable children to strengthen skills in specific areas at home. We ask that they be returned on the following Monday from when you are given a bag.

Drop off and Collection

In the morning please use the buzzer and tell us the name of your child, do not let other people in unless you announce their names too. The same applies at the end of the day, if anyone else is picking up your child please send us a message via Dojo, and make sure they know your unique password. The main gate is open from 2.55pm if you arrive any earlier please just press the buzzer and the school office will let you in.

The Pre-school day is still finishing at 3pm, there will be a late charge if you collect your child after this time. If you have other children in the main school please remember to collect your Pre-school child first.

Remember to label all items: clothing, water bottles, lunchboxes etc. Especially uniform as we very quickly end up with a pile of unnamed cardigans and jumpers.

Snack

We will continue to provide snack for the children. We will have a fruit bowl available each day on our snack table. Children will be able to access snack throughout the morning and come up and choose a piece of fruit and pour themselves a cup of milk or water. This will help encourage their independence, they did so well with this last half term!

Please note, if your child brings a packed lunch can you please cut up grapes and small tomatoes lengthwise as they are a choking hazard.

Toys from home

A reminder that toys and personal items should not be brought into Pre-School.

Invoices

Invoices have been sent out today for this half term, if you have not already paid the previous one, please do so as soon as possible as this is now overdue.

WOW Vouchers

Please continue to send in WOW vouchers from home, children love sharing them with us and we can put them up on our WOW display. We have a basket outside Pre-School with these in for you to take home.

Please feel that you can come to us with any concerns or worries you may have, any questions, or just a catch up, we are available at the beginning or end of each day, and via email or class Dojo during Pre-School hours.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Cookson and the Pre-School team.