

St Mary's C of E Primary School

Butterfly Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday 31st March 2023

Dear Families,

We can not believe that we are finished with the Spring Term already! We have no idea where the time goes but when we look back at all of the amazing things the children have done and achieved, we can see how much progress they are making. They only have one more full term left in Reception, but we will make sure that we continue to provide the highest quality education for our brilliant Butterflies 😊

A few highlights from over the last two weeks have to be making gingerbread men, growing our own beans, the fantastic Easter hunt, making our Easter cards, looking for signs of Spring around us, making Easter cakes and lots more. We have lots of fun activities lined up for next half term and we can't wait to share them with you!

In Literacy last week, we focused on the story "The Gingerbread Man". By the end of the week, the children were excellent at joining in with different parts of the story. The children retold the story, sequencing it correctly, designed their own gingerbread people and created "missing" posters. This week we have turned our attention to Easter. We have read the texts, "How to catch the Easter Bunny" and "We're going on an egg hunt" (a fun take on bear hunt!) The children have done a lot of work using their phonics - labelling pictures and writing messages inside Easter eggs. We have also looked at some of the symbols associated with Easter (some Christian, some commercial) and found these symbols hidden around the playground.

In maths, we have been adding numbers using objects by making two groups and then combining them. The children have been writing calculations themselves such as $2 + 1 = 3$. They are really starting to recognise the relationship between numbers and physical objects. We have done more work on doubling numbers and how we can use our fingers to double between 1 and 5. The children identified that doubling larger than 5 becomes trickier as we don't have enough fingers to do

this. But don't worry, the problem is solved by asking a friend for help or by finding objects around the room that they could double.

Notices for the week:

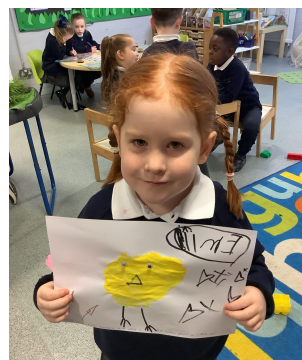
- Thank you for taking the time to come and see us on parents evening. We hope you found these meetings useful.
- Please note that on the first Wednesday back (19th April) the children will be visiting the dentist to meet the team and see the equipment. You do not need to do anything for this visit, other than talk to your child beforehand if you think this would be helpful.
- **More and more children are bringing toys/teddies/costume jewellery in from home and this is beginning to distract them from their learning and these items are also causing some issues with items getting lost. Please can we ask that children do not bring items in from home.**
- **In the mornings, we set up for the children's outdoor learning. We know it is very tempting for the children and their siblings to want to use the resources but this means we are having to set up again for the day when we should be ensuring the children are settling into their morning routine. Please can we ask that children do not use the resources that are set up for the day's learning.**
- Remember, the first Monday back (17th April) is an Inset Day!
- If your child is having a packed lunch, please remember to not order a hot dinner.

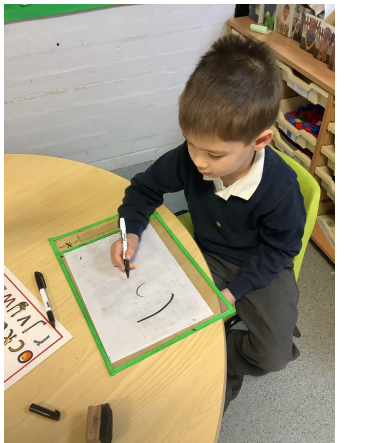
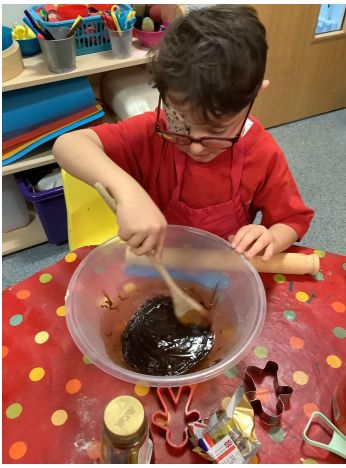
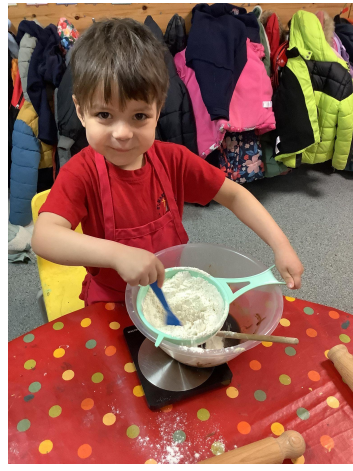
Optional home learning:

As always, we will provide a 'My holiday' sheet for your child to complete. These are optional, because we know the priority is for you all to recharge your batteries during the Easter break. However, if you do want to complete them, we love to share these and enjoy hearing about what you have got up to.

Best wishes,

Mrs Davies, Mrs Sage and Mrs King





My Easter holiday 2023

(Draw and write about what you get up to)