

Reception Newsletter  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019



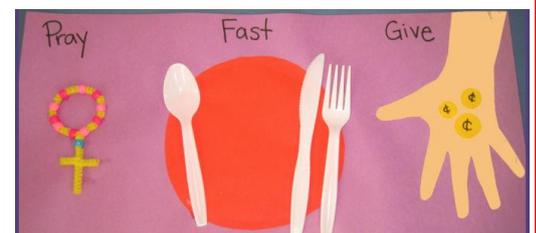
Dear Families,

We are very grateful for all your support. Thank you for your contribution of various materials, props and resources for our current topic on 'Farm Animals' and 'Milk'. We are also collecting funnels, tissue rolls, plastic straws, shaving foam and paper or plastic cups.

R.E /PSED

In Reception Class, we celebrated Shrove Tuesday with a pancake relay and we have been discussing about our 'Lenten Promises'. On Ash Wednesday, we were blessed with ashes by the priest to symbolise the start of Lent and we are trying our hardest to keep our promises to God for He loves us very much.

**Parent Involvement:** Have a conversation with your child about what they are giving up/trying to work on for Lent e.g. chocolates/sweets or being kind, listening and respecting others etc. Introduce a daily prayer and emphasize the importance of prayer to help us make better choices.



Communication, Language & Literacy

It has been such an amazing experience for the children because they have all given their own ideas and contributed towards the role play areas in the classroom. As we are focusing on 'Farm Animals', we are currently learning to identify the names of a range of 'Farm Animals', their characteristics, habitats, food they eat etc. We are currently finishing the book 'Farmer Duck' and the children were able to retell the story using props and language. **Parent**

**Involvement:** Explore some educational books and videos about farm animals and

have a discussion on the names of the animals, gender (male/female), the young of an animal, the sounds they make and the places they live in.

### Maths

We have been busy exploring a range of opportunities to use our reasoning and problem solving skills when buying items from our Farm Shop, following recipes to make drinks in our 'Dairy Cafe' and when building a home for the farm animals to live in. We are consolidating our learning of different 3D (sphere, cylinder, hemisphere, cube, cuboid) and 2D shapes (circle, triangle, rectangle, square, oval, semi-circle) **Parent Involvement:** Take your child on a walk around the house/park/building etc. Make a list of all the things around us that may look like some 2D and 3D shapes. How can we differentiate if it is 2D or 3D? Is it flat?



### Reading and Phonics

Phase 2 Phonics Letters and Sounds: s,a,t,p,i,n,c,k,e,h,m,r,d

- Please continue to practise recognising and naming all these letters and sounds with your child. Then get them to practise their letter formation.

-Play a game of 'I Spy' using the letter mat attached.

e.g. I spy with my eye something that is green, it is a fruit and it starts with the letter 'a'. What am I?

What sound does the letter 'a' make?



I	to	no	a
go	the	into	am

Look! We thought of our own ideas and here are some of the things that we were able to make and build.



### Important Dates:

1. Mad Scientist Day -Dress up as a mad scientist on **11<sup>th</sup> March 2019**
2. Visit to the Science Museum on **14<sup>th</sup> March 2019**
3. Red Nose Day (mufti day) on **15<sup>th</sup> March 2019**
4. Open Mornings for Early Years on **11<sup>th</sup> March 2019**
5. Science Afternoon on **22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 at 2.15pm** for all parents and carers to join your child in having a go at some really exciting, fun and engaging science based experiments carried
6. Mother's Pampering Afternoon **29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (pm)**



Please sign up for the Science Afternoon and Mother's Pampering Afternoon by next week to indicate your attendance. Thank you in advance.

### Reminders

**Library** day is every **Wednesday** for children to borrow books. Please send in their library bags and books on this day!

**Readers** to be brought in every **Tuesday and Friday!** Please read every night and comment in their reading journal.

**Every Friday** we have **Dance and P.E**, please ensure that children come in to school wearing their navy tracksuit and logo t-shirt.

**Class Fund:** We would be very grateful if parents could donate **50p/£1** a week to our Reception fund to enable us to buy resources for Science Week, our Farm Shop, other themed activities in class. We ask a kind donation of **£5 per** child per half term. Thank you to those who have been contributing graciously.

Ms Lazaroo and Ms Beckwith, The Reception Team.

Our website is full of what's happening at our school! Do check it out at

<http://www.st-marys.rbkc.sch.uk/>



## World Book Day!

Reception Class took part in a 'Book Quiz' with the whole school. We also modelled our beautiful and creative costumes at the parade for 'World Book Day'. Don't we look amazing!

