



## Foundation Newsletter

Spring 2024

*Hand in Hand with Jesus Christ we Live, Love and Learn Together.*

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a lovely festive season and restful break. It's hard to believe the children have completed their first term at school and have settled in so well. I am sure we can all agree that a highlight of last term was the children's Christmas performance, the children's singing was wonderful.

For Spring 1 we will be looking at Dinosaurs and Chinese New Year. For Spring 2 our topic will be 'people who help us'. We have lots of exciting events coming up so please take note of the key dates and we will keep in touch via SEESAW with any new information.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Dates for your diary

**12.01.24:** Auditions in school for Talent Show

**19.01.24:** KS1 Talent Show 9.15

**02.02.24**—International Map Day

**06.02.24**—Safer Internet Day

**09.02.24:** INSET Day

**10.02.24**—Chinese New Year

**12.02.24–16.02.24:** Half Term

**04.03.24**– Library visit FM

06.04.24 –Library visit FJ

**05.03.24 & 07.03.24:** Parents Consultations

**07.03.24:** World Book Day

**Week commencing 25.03.24**

Holy Week Celebrations

### Spring 1

Spring 1 will take us on a roarsome adventure as we start to find out about dinosaurs and explore what life was like millions of years ago. We will use a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts to support our writing, including Tyrannosaurus Drip and The Girl and the Dinosaur (about Mary Anning). Another focus will be Chinese New Year and how this important celebration is marked. Alongside this we will look at celebrations in Church and the early life of Jesus.

### Spring 2

In the second half of the term our topic will be People who help us. This will start with looking at people who help us such as the Police, Paramedics, Doctors, nurses, Fire Fighters, dentists and Librarians. We will learn about why these people, and their jobs, are so important to us. As part of this topic we will be having a local walk and a visit to the library to learn about our local area. To help us learn about growing we will also be hatching our own ducklings and learning about life in Church and the celebration of Easter .

## RE

In R.E this term our key themes are Celebrating, Gathering and Growing. We will begin by looking at ourselves as members of the Parish family and finding out about what happens in Church. We will also be looking at the new life we see around us in Spring and learning about the Easter story.

### Spring Term Challenges

#### Developing your child's independence

The children have done so well settling in and coming into school on their own and we would like to set some challenges to focus on this.

1. I can dress myself (buttons and turning clothes inside out)
2. I can read at home everyday and practice my phonics sounds (5 minutes)
3. I can form my letters correctly
4. I can look after my belongings (please help your child by labelling everything)

### Educational Visit Spring Term 2024

As part of our topic 'people who help us', we will be exploring our local area. This will include a visit to West Bridgford library and a look at the local shops, businesses and services. The visits will be on Monday 4th March for FM and Wednesday 6th March for FJ and we will be in touch nearer the time to ask for parent helpers.

### Reminder:

Seesaw is not checked by the teachers during the day. If you have an urgent message and/ or a change of collection arrangements, please phone the office.

We will do our best to make your child's time at school as happy as we can. If you have any problems or concerns, however small they may seem, please do not hesitate to contact us straight away as they can often be resolved very easily.

Please catch us at collection or send a seesaw message.