



St George's Mini Dragons Nursery Newsletter— Spring 2

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 7th March	World book Day
Wednesday 13th March	Nursery Parents Evening
Friday 22nd March	Last Day before Easter holiday

Welcome back after half term! The children have settled back into school beautifully and we are so proud of them all. Parents evenings are coming up and we look forward to sharing their achievements with you.

Learning

Our topic for this half term is **People Who Help Us**. We will be finding out all about Police Officers, Dentists, Fire Fighters, Doctors, Nurses, Vets and Postmen/women.

Children are doing brilliantly in their phonics work. We will continue to practise s,a,t,p,i and n and also learn m,d,g,o,c,k. We will teach the sounds (phoneme) and how to write them (grapheme). We are teaching how to blend these sounds together to hear and read words. Please keep an eye on Tapestry where we will be uploading a 'Phonics Phrase' to help children hear the sound in spoken words and 'Letter Formation Cue' to help children write the letter in the correct formation. Please practice these at home.

Activities to practise at home

Here a few ideas of short and simple activities you could do at home to support your child's learning in addition to practicing the sound of the week:

1. Practise using positional language in play and using objects around the house (above, below, beside, inside, in front etc). For example 'the dolly is in the bath', 'the cat is beside the tree'.
2. Practise counting objects and learn that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total ('cardinal principle').
3. Find out about the jobs that family members do. What job would you like to do when you grow up?
4. The children are doing brilliantly at holding their pencils and scissors correctly. Please continue to practice these skills at home and alter their grip where needed.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

We will be celebrating all our favourite books and encouraging a love of reading! Children are welcome to dress as a character from a book if they would like to. They can also wear their own clothes, a onesie or come in their normal school uniform.

Reminders

Please name all clothing including coats.

Please could we ask that children bring in a named drinks bottle containing water. We continue to have a 10.30 snack of milk / water and a choice of fruit or vegetables provided by school.

Please could all children wear shoes that are safe to climb in every day e.g. trainers or school shoes. This allows all children to play outside regularly and safely (including on the castle). Please also bring a warm coat each day. Please can we also have a pair of wellies to keep in school for wet days, forest school etc.

Weekly Overview

We offer a broad curriculum covering many areas of learning in each session. However, we plan to focus on these specific areas on the following days:

Monday – (maths) & Understanding the World

Tuesday – P.E. & R.E

Wednesday – Early Writing & Creative Development

Thursday – Number & Shape, Space and Measure / Music

Friday – Understanding the World, Fine Motor & Liturgy

Keeping in touch

Please remember to catch us for a chat either before or after school if you have any questions or concerns.

Tapestry is a great way for you to see what your children have been learning and experiencing at school. Please let us know if you are unable to access it or have any questions. We use this as a way to pass on important messages and communications as well as lovely photos taken throughout each day.