

St James the Great Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed your holidays.

Our topic in Reception Class is **Traditional Tales and Nursery Rhymes**. Within this topic, we will cover the areas outlined in the attached plan. We hope it will be of use to you when discussing school with your child and looking for ways you can support them at home. We will be organising a day to celebrate **Traditional Tales and Nursery Rhymes** and we will let you know when this will take place.

Reading

Between **8:40am and 9:00am on Tuesdays**, your child can choose a book from our reading corner to take home and share with you. Guided reading will also be continuing on a weekly basis. Please ensure your child brings their books to school **every day** along with their reading diary so it is always accessible for us to hear your child read and change their book when required. **Please remember to write your comments in the reading diary after sharing your child's book with them.**

Phonics

One of the ways children learn to read and write is by teaching phonics. We will be teaching Phase 3 and 4 phonics in Reception this term.

A gentle reminder for the beginning and end of the school day

In Reception class, the children are learning how to follow routines, be independent and learn how to be responsible for their belongings. One of the ways they can achieve this is to hang up their coat, put their book bag in the box and find their name label **by themselves**. Please show your support by encouraging your child to enter the class alone and follow this routine.

We also ask for your continued support and patience at the end of the school day when children are being dismissed. **It is of utmost importance that staff ensure children are reunited with their appropriate adult so please stand back from the door so children can exit safely.**

Collecting your child

We understand that it may be necessary for someone different to collect your child at the end of the day. Please ensure that you let us know at the beginning of the session or if it is an emergency by telephoning the office who will let us know who is collecting your child. We are unable to let children go home with anyone who has not been named in advance.

Junk Materials

We would be grateful if parents could bring in the following boxes for the creative area - cereal boxes, toothpaste boxes, Pringle boxes, shoe boxes, yogurt pots, plastic bottle tops, egg boxes, soap boxes and kitchen rolls.

If there is anything important that you need to discuss with a member of the Early Years Team, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Reception Team.