

April 2025

St James the Great Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you had a lovely half term. Our topic for this half term is 'Down on the Farm'. We will be exploring the world of farm animals, their offspring, and the variety of vegetables. Additionally, we will create a role-play area pretending it is a farm. There are exciting visits to Peckham Library and to Surrey Quays Farm, and we would appreciate your support in accompanying us to these places so that the children can have great learning experiences. We will provide more information about this in due course.

Early Reading and Phonics

On Mondays and Fridays, your child can choose a book from our reading corner with you to take home and share together and the Nursery classroom will be open at 8:40 a.m. for you to choose a book with your child. Please remain with your child during this session and write the title of the book, sign it, and draw a smiley face next to it in their reading diary.

Children learn to read and write by using their phonic knowledge and to provide the foundations for developing key phonic skills, we will be undertaking daily listening and communication activities such as listening walks and playing sound games. The children will be developing their awareness of different sounds made with instruments and noise makers as well as singing songs and joining in rhyming activities as part of the daily routine in small-group time sessions.

Collecting your child

We understand that sometimes, it may be necessary for someone different from your family to collect your child at the end of the day. Please make sure you let us know at the beginning of the nursery session or later if it is an emergency by contacting the office so that we are aware of who will be collecting your child and their connection to your child. We are unable to let children go home with anyone who has not been named in advance or is not an adult. Kindly remember to wait behind the cones and wait for your child to be called.

Spare clothes

As the children undertake messy play, please bring in spare clothes including underwear for them to change into should they get wet, etc... during their play. The spare clothes will remain in the Tesco bags allocated for each child, so there is no need to bring an extra bag from home.

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

Thank you for your support.

The Nursery Team - Miss Diaz, Miss Debbie