



Thank you all to the parents who came and helped us walk the children to church and back, for their final consolidation lesson for their Baptism unit. The children really enjoyed visiting church, seeing Fr Craig and role playing the Baptism.

In Literacy this week, we will continue our new text, 'Oliver's Vegetables'. We will use role play to help us learn the story. We will be exploring some of the new language in the book, with a particular focus to the vegetables in the book. We will look at these different vegetables in our Literacy lessons, as well as our continuous provision. We will story map the story.

In Maths this week, we will continue practising our counting skills up to 5, we will practice writing the number 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. We will also practice using directional language.

In RE, we will begin our next unit 'Holy Week - Hearing'. We will talk about things that make us happy and the things that make us sad. We do this because of the different emotions experienced during Holy Week. **With your child, talk about the things that make us sad and happy.**

In Understanding the World, we will begin our new topic of 'Easter' and we will talk about the different things we see at Easter. We will also explore things that are magnetic and things that are non-magnetic.

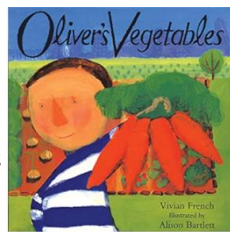
In Expressive Arts & Design, we will think about Easter and make Easter pictures of chicks.

Focus words this week: magnet, beetroot, Jesus, chicks, directions

Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

Oliver's Vegetables



Rhyme of the week

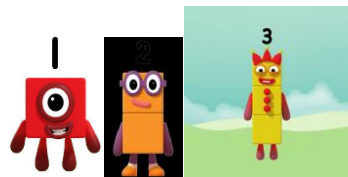
This little piggy

This little piggy went to market
This little piggy stayed home
This little piggy had roast beef
And this little piggy had none
And this little piggy cried wee wee wee all the way home.

Story Time

Reading books will be changed on a Monday. Please send your child's book bag into school each day with their planner and reading book. Please ensure the planner is signed to show that you have read with your child.
Thank you.

Maths Focus: Subitising to 3



Can you practice counting to 3?

Can you count 3 objects, pointing to each object as you count?

Can you ask your adult at home to hold up either 1, 2 or 3 fingers and can you say how many fingers are being held up?

Nursery Staffing Arrangements

The Nursery class is being taught by a Nursery Team of staff: Mrs Bamforth, Mrs Evans (Teacher) and Mrs Machin (Teaching Assistant).
If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Hannett.

Home Readers

As you will have noticed, each of your children brought home a 'home reader' book. These are for you to read with your child and develop an enjoyment and excitement for reading.

You can change these books whenever you are ready too.

Morning parents: In the morning, when you drop your child off, there is a bookcase in the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

Afternoon parents: At the end of the day, when you collect your child off, there is a bookcase in the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

This week the children will:

- Continue to practice our counting daily, numbers up to 16, when we count the children in class.
- We will read the story 'Oliver's Vegetables'.
- We will learn to retell the story through actions and role play
- We will explore the different vegetables in the book.
- We will sequence the story and story map it.
- We will practice counting to 5.
- We will subitise to 3.
- We will go on an Easter Egg hunt, using directional language.
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- We will learn about magnetic and non-magnetic materials.
- We will make chick pictures.
- Practising using our manners, saying 'Yes please', and 'No thank you' during snack time.
- We will learn to use 1p to pay for our snack at snack time.
- Practising taking turns and sharing during our guided play.
- We will role play in a Garden Centre.
- We will learn about Holy Week.
- We will learn about things that make us happy and things that make us sad.
- We will also continue to learn our daily prayers.

Important dates

Friday 15th March - Farm on Wheels visiting school

Saturday 16th March - Mass at St Joseph's, Darlaston, 4pm. All welcome, please come and support the children who will help with the readings.

Tuesday 19th March - St Joseph's Feast Day

Thursday 21st March - One Life Music, whole school retreat

Friday 22nd March - Easter Bonnet Parade

- CAFOD Big Lent Walk - Please return any sponsor forms and money by this day if not earlier.

EASTER BREAK - Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April

SUMMER TERM - Children return - Monday 8th April