



We've had a great time on our trip to Tanglewood, they particularly loved the 'Teddy Bears Picnic'. We are also very excited to have parents back in our classroom for our Pirate Day workshop. We hope as many parents can make this, it really means a lot to the children, to share their learning with you.

Thursday 20th June - Parent Workshop 'Pirates Day'

Morning group - 10.45-11.45

Afternoon group - 2.15-3.15

In Literacy this week, we will begin our new text, 'The Train Ride'. We will use role play and a story map to help us learn to retell the story. We will draw what the characters can see from the train.

In Maths this week, we will continue practising our counting skills. We will be counting 10, practise writing the numbers. We will also be comparing sizes using vocabulary such as short, tall, taller and tallest.

In RE, we will complete our unit about 'God's Family'. We will talk about Fr Craig and what he does for our parish and in his role as a priest. *With your child, can you talk about some of the things that they know about Fr Craig.*

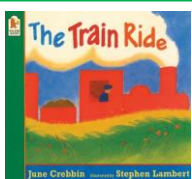
In Understanding the World, we will continue our topic of 'Pirates'. We will learn about magnets and materials which are magnetic, while making a pirate sensory bottle.

Focus words this week: *magnetic, train, priest, treasure, tallest*

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

Focus Story:

The Train Ride



Maths Focus: Comparing Sizes



Can you order your toys from shortest to tallest?
Can you order your family members from the shortest to the tallest?

Rhyme of the week

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, turn around.

Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn around.

Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the ground. Teddy bear, teddy bear, jump up high. Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the sky.

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.

Reminder: We will open the gates for the morning parents to come and collect the children from the classroom and for the afternoon parents to bring their child down and help them with their coat and bag.

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.



As the weather is improving, please ensure your child has sun cream applied to them prior to coming to school.

Please send in a sunhat to wear when we are outdoors. If you want these can be kept in school, please just make sure your child's name is clearly labelled.

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, 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 17, when we count the children in class.
- We will read the story 'The Train Ride'.
- We will learn to retell the story through a story map, actions and role play.
- We will talk, draw and write about what the characters can see from the train.
- We will practice counting.
- We will compare sizes.
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- We will learn about magnets.
- 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 pirate ship.
- We will learn about God's Family.
- We will learn about our parish priest, Fr Craig and paint his portrait.
- We will also continue to learn our daily prayers.
- We have lots of fun activities on our Pirate Day.

Important dates

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Saturday 29th June - Parish Mini Fair at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Darlaston 12.30-3.30pm, followed by Mass at 4pm. Please come along and support our school, parish and readers at Mass.

Monday 8th July - Sports day at 9.15am. If your child normally attends in the afternoon, you can swap their session for the morning, so they can participate.

Friday 12th July - Transition morning, children from Nursery moving into reception and Stay & Play for our new nursery children, 9.30-11.00

BREAK UP FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS - Friday 19th July