



Once again, all the FS Team wish to thank you for your support this half term. The children came back in January, refreshed and raring to go! We have had a super half term, with lots of fun and progress made.



Big Happy Birthday wishes went to those who have celebrated a birthday.



**Freddie
Lydia
Forest**

**Arthur
Esme
Sienna
Margaret**



Happy Highlights

We thoroughly enjoyed Rosie joining us, playing out in the snow, our walk to the duck pond

[the ducks have never been so well fed! A BIG thank you to all those who came to help us.]

and our Valentine's celebration picnic.

Love One Another

Well done to all our PE Stars and Golden Children this half term:



**Sidney
Freddie
Rosie
All FS1**

**James
Rosie
Dottie
Casper
Zoya**

**Charlie
Esme
Ruby
All FS2**

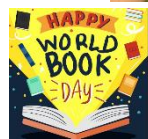
**Patrick
Finley
Oliver
Luca
Sienna
Solomon**



Please check out our webpage on St. Joseph's website. Recently added is Good Practice for Handwriting from the National Handwriting Association.

Coming up next half term:

- ✦ Friday 1st March – STAY and PRAY school – all parents/carers welcome
- ✦ Wednesday 6th March – Breakfast with a Book FS and KS1 children are welcome to breakfast and enjoy a book with their parent(s)/carer(s) in the hall 9.00 – 9.30 am
NOTE: Google form to be completed to attend
- ✦ Thursday 7th March – World Book Day FS are focusing on sportspeople
NOTE: see letter overleaf
- ✦ W/C 18th March (Tues to Fri) - Come Join Us and Play Our doors will be open until 9.30 am for you to come in and join in our play – please choose ONE of these days Tuesday through to Friday of this week and join us.
- ✦ Wednesday 20th March – FS2 Writing Workshop
NOTE: more details to follow
- ✦ Thursday 21st March – World Poetry Day
- ✦ Week of 25th March – HOLY WEEK with lots of events taking place in school
- ✦ Wednesday 27th March – CHARITY BUNNY HOP
NOTE: more details to follow
- ✦ Thursday 28th March – Easter Songs and Hot Cross Buns the hall [PM, more details to follow] ALL WELCOME
- ✦ Thursday 28th March – finish for Easter



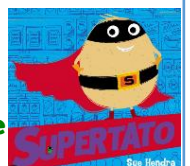
Our Book of this Half Term



A wonderful book about friendship. Like Juniper, everyone loves a sidekick! We've talked a lot about what makes a super friend and made great posters advertising for our ideal sidekick!

This linked to:

Thank you for all the brilliant, creative Super Veg sent in!



Spring 2 Home Learning Grid will be sent out first week back.

HAPPY HALF TERM BREAK EVERYONE!

SPRING

2nd
half
term

Here are just some of the themes and activities we will be enjoying next half term in class, which you may wish to get involved with and support at home.

This half term's author:



Tom Fletcher

The children absolute love BEAR Time and sharing books from home. Should you have any of his books, we'd love you to enjoy them together in school.

This half term's books:



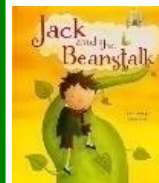
Our Forest School ...

continues each Wednesday.
Please send wellies in each week.



When out we will be looking for the signs of Spring and exploring new life.

This half term's Traditional Tale



F51



F52

Using traditional fairy tale language, creating alternative endings.
Reviewing these tales and other stories, saying whether we like it or not and why we think this.

F51 Phonics

Name writing and fine motor skills to support mark making.

F52 Read Write Inc.

Handwriting practice and developing confidence and independence in writing.

F51 Number

Recognising numbers
Careful counting
1st, 2nd, 3rd
1 more



F52 Number

Number stories (+ and -)
Number bonds
Ordinal numbers
Mastery in number

This half term's ...



faces - portraits and sculpture

Our Self-portraits and faces in the style of Giuseppe Arcimboldo.

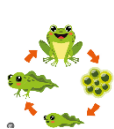
Shape, Space and Measure

Shapes around us
Sorting objects
Position - where's?

Height
Length
Weight



Lifecycles: animals and plants.



Growing up
Baby to adult
Growing plants
Observing changes

Toys: now in the past

My baby toys
My toys now



PSHE

"Let's be grateful!"

- ▼ We are learning to be grateful for other people
- ▼ What does being grateful feel like?
- ▼ We are learning how to be grateful for ourselves

Caring for: new things and new life.



Caring for: our bodies



Lent ...
a very special time.



Giving thanks for ...
all the special ladies in our lives.



Easter ...
the Easter story and Holy Week.



Please chat with us anytime you wish.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Come Join Us and Play.