



Nursery Summer Term Newsletter 2023

Dear Nursery Parents and Carers,

We hope you all have had a restful and fun filled Easter holiday and are looking forward to the summer term. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families to St Mary's.

We have an incredibly fun term of learning planned for the children which will begin with a unit exploring colours. We will start by learning about primary colours and through lots of fun hands-on investigation we will learn more about how these can be mixed to create secondary and tertiary colours. We will be looking at a range of artists throughout the term, including Andy Goldsworthy, Yayoi Kusama, Alma Thomas, Howardena Pindell and Henri Matisse and taking inspiration from their work to make our own creations - this will also naturally lead on to lots of lovely shape exploration.

Our focus books include the fantastic *Mix It Up!* by Herve Tullet, *Wow Said the Owl* by Tim Hopgood and *Luna Loves Art* by Joseph Coelho. We will also be learning lots of songs and rhymes about colour. Listen closely to your children to hear colourful twists on many of our favourites, including *If You're Happy and You Know It* and the *Hokey Cokey*.

We will also be undertaking the Sunflower Challenge, in which we aim to become sunflower experts. This will link to much of our maths learning throughout the term as we explore the composition of number, explore shape and solve real world maths problems. If you have any pictures, or anything else sunflower related, then we would love for you to send this in for the children to see.

Our children love exploring the world around us and we will continue all of our work on life-cycles, following their interests and will be busy planting up and caring for our fruit and vegetable in our allotment area. Midway through the first half term, we will also lead a mini unit focusing on ducks, as we watch the ducklings hatching in our Reception classes. This is always a highlight of the year!

We will also be celebrating the **coronation of King Charles III on the 5th May**, with a tea party, to which all children will be invited. The children will be planning and designing their own decorations for the event.

Following half term, we will move on to learn more about the seaside and marine life and thinking about summer.

RE and PSHE

Alongside our work on our school values, we will be learning some Bible stories this term, starting with Noah's Ark and then the story of Joseph and his brothers. In summer 2, we will be learning more about Jewish culture and practices.

In PSHE, we will begin the summer term thinking about relationships before moving on to work on the transition to next year.

Important dates

We will be attending the Little Angel Theatre to watch *Wow! Said the Owl* on **Wednesday 14th June 2023**.

We will have a Communication Hub Project visiting us during the **week of 8th May**, all children will have the opportunity to attend two sessions.

- You can find dates and more on our calendar [here](#)

General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, coats, summer hats, plimsolls, water bottles etc.
- **On sunny days, please ensure that your child has sun protection on.**
- Please send in the summer term voluntary contribution of **£5 towards the EYFS fund**.
- Please remember to bring in Library/reading books weekly to be changed on a Tuesday or Thursday.
- Please keep up to date with news on our website [here](#) and remember to check Tapestry regularly.