



# St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'*  
*Philippians 4:13*

## Reception Spring Term Newsletter

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a restful Christmas.



### Our Curriculum:

**Mathematics:** We will continue to develop our knowledge of addition and subtraction and will consolidate knowledge of numbers to 20. We will also be looking at time focusing on days of the week, o'clock and half past.

**Literacy:** We are continuing to work on the recognition and correct formation of letters of the alphabet. We have also begun to learn 'Phase 3' Letters and Sounds. These sounds will be sent home on a card each week. Please practise sounding out the words and sentences. We will also be beginning to look at non-fiction texts to find out different things.

**Understanding the World:** This half term our theme is 'On the Move!' and we will be designing our own models as a group. We will be finding out about different forms of transport and how different vehicles move. Next half term we will focus on Spring.

**Expressive Arts and Design:** We will be looking at non-fiction books to research our models and find out about different forms of transport and how they move. We are also going to look at forms of transport from the past and those that we use today. Next half term, we will be learning about dinosaurs and also about Spring and Easter.

**Physical Development:** This term we are working on moving in different ways. The children will be able to improve their skills and learn different ways of moving. The first Intra School Sport challenge this term will be the Speed bounce challenge. The challenge is to jump, two feet together over a cone and back again as many times as they can in 30 seconds. The second half-term's challenge will be the 'Drop-Step-Catch' challenge. Children will need to drop a tennis ball and catch it as many times as we can in 30 seconds.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development:** We are focusing on co-operation skills and working as a team. We are learning to take turns in conversations and to listen and respond to each other. We are encouraging the children to be independent and to look after themselves and their belongings. Please make sure that their name is in their belongings so that they can be identified. Also, it is important that your child can come into school on their own and put away their own belongings, take off and hang up their own coat etc.

**Communication and Language:** This half term we are continuing to develop our confidence and skills. We have circle times which enables us to communicate to our friends about what we have done at the weekend. We are also continuing Marvellous Me which enables us to develop our communication and language.

### Spring Term Focus Themes:

Spring 1 : On the Move!  
Spring 2 : Spring in my Toes

### Focus Reading Texts:

'The Journey Home from Grandpa's' by Jemima Lumley  
'I wish I were a pilot' Stella Blackstone  
'Walking through the jungle' Julia Lacombe  
'Dinosaur Roar' by Paul and Henrietta Stickland  
Easter Story  
ORT Stage 2 & 3

### Recommended Websites:

[www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com)      [www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies)  
[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)      [www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk/](http://www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk/)  
CBeebies: In particular Alphablocks, Get Squiggling and Numtums games

Please help your child to develop their use of a mouse if you have this at home.

### Twitter Accounts to follow:

@St\_Wilfrids\_CE   @StWilfridsMusic   @StWilfridsSport

### Home Learning:

**Mathematics:** Please make sure that your child can recognise and write numbers to 20 correctly. Also please practise chanting the days of the week.

**Literacy:** Please practise writing your child's first and last name and make sure that your child can hold a pencil correctly.

**Reading:** In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure. We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read and **ensure books are in school daily**. Reading diaries will be checked in school and we expect a minimum of three entries/ comments a week. This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary. Reading days are Wednesday, diaries will be checked and books will be changed on a Wednesday.

**Understanding the World:** Each half term, the children will receive a piece of topic related home work. This half term will be a transport survey and next half term, an Easter bonnet. Details will follow.

### A message from the PTFA...

"We have had a fantastic Autumn Term and have raised lots of funds that our children will be able to take advantage of throughout the year. All of our Christmas events were very popular and the Christmas Fair saw its highest profit to date. I would like to thank all parents and carers who have shown their support for all of our events, as well as school staff and the PTFA team for their continued commitment. We look forward to the next term of activities and events and would welcome new members to join us."



