HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER TO YOU ALL.

Things to note.

This newsletter covers weeks 8 and 9 due to short weeks.

Our Liturgy Presentation for Palm Sunday is on Monday at 9.00.

Parent Interviews are coming up in week 10. Please let me know if you wish to see me outside these times. A timetable is on our notice board.

Literacy.

This week our Book of the Week is ‘The Smallest Bilby and The Easter Tale’ by Nette Hilton. It’s the night before Easter and for the first time Billy and his band of little bilbies must deliver the eggs.

‘This is fun,’ they sing as they hide eggs here and there and up and down. But when one of the bilbies gets into trouble, only Billy knows what to do. We will base some of our writing and art activities on this story.

Religion.

Easter. This week we participate in the Story of Easter presented by each class each morning at 9 am. Please come along if you can.

Spelling and Reading.

Continue from last week’s words: up look in come and

Children are to write the words, with each letter in one strawberry, except for digraphs, where two letters make one sound, ‘th’ for example. Spelling homework should be done every night except weekends.

We are looking at letter ‘Yy’ in words. We discover ‘y’ can be a vowel in words such as ‘my’ ‘baby’, changing its sound to I or E.
Reading.
Our Guided Reading lessons are in full swing and the children are familiar with the reading strategies. (see their reading strategies cards). Each group is tackling specific skills to help improve fluency.
Reading groups have been updated. Some of moved up but others remain at their current INSTRUCTIONAL LEVEL. All children are making progress.
Over the next few weeks I will include some ideas for you as parents/teachers to help your child become more fluent and confident when reading.
This week: It helps if there is a choice of things to read. If everything you own has been read a million times and now seems a little young for her, take a trip to the library or perhaps try swapping some much-loved books with a friend.
Mathematics.
This week we will look at 3D shapes, making play dough cylinders, cubes etc. Art will be integrated in this topic. Children will be introduced to the artwork by Picasso. Here we look at the shapes he used in art. The children will create their own Cubist Art!
We will also continue to look at gathering and displaying data on a simple bar graph.
Mathletics.
Continues if time permits. I am looking at working in a permanent slot on a Tuesday afternoon.
History: This time of the year-Autumn. We will collect some autumn leaves to create a collage and also create an autumn leaves picture.
Health.
We will use a game as an introduction to discuss healthy habits- what can we do to stay healthy.
IT.
We continue to use our Smart TV as a learning and hands-on teaching aide. We will further explore the StarFall phonics spelling programme delivered online. Ipads will be used for Mathletics.

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Remember all kids learn differently, but they all learn!
Have a great week.