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St Valentine



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Welcome - Autumn Term 1

A huge welcome to all our Reception children who are joining us for a very exciting first year at St Mary's School! We hope that you all had a fantastic Summer and are now ready for your school journey ahead.

We have had a busy few days at school and we are so impressed at how well the children settled in. Our first project this half term will be 'Me and My World!'. We will learn all about our school environment, it's values as well as thinking about the world around us and our local environment. This will be done through practical and fun activities that are based around a story. Our big question for this half term is 'Who am I?'. We will explore our likes and dislikes as well as discussing our homes, families and people who help us in the community. We have chosen this project to help us get to know the children and one another, as well as giving them the opportunity to settle into school and our school routines.

Reading Books - Reading book change will occur on a weekly basis. Please read with your child weekly and write a comment in your child's reading log. Please ensure your child's reading book and book log is kept in their book bag each day as the children read on different days. As well as reading books provided by school we always encourage you to read your own books at home too.

Coats and Wellies - As Autumn is drawing in, please ensure a named coat is brought in each day to ensure the outdoor area is explored daily. Also, your child is able to bring in a pair of named wellies and keep these at school for the school year to wear on our field and to jump in muddy puddles!

Snack and Water Bottles - In Reception children can choose when they have snack throughout the day. Please also provide your child with a labelled water bottle each day.

Website - Each class has their own page which has photos of the children learning in class and trip photos etc. Please find the links below: St Valentine -

<https://stmarys.sch.im/pages/index/view/id/722/Reception%20NL>

St Martha -

<https://stmarys.sch.im/pages/index/view/id/721/Reception%20JC>

Slippers - Children are able to bring in a pair of named slippers to wear whilst indoors. These are to be kept in school during term time. This is an optional choice.

Requests - We will be making our homes out of junk modelling items. If you have anything at home that the children could use, please can you bring them into school. e.g. cereal boxes, small food packaging, pots etc. Please could we request that egg boxes are NOT brought in and no items that have contained nuts. Thank you!

*****Labels***** - Can you please make sure that ALL items of clothing and personal belongings are clearly labelled.

PE Kits - PE Kits can be left in school and will go home at the end of each half term. Please ensure all PE kits are labelled and in a separate bag.