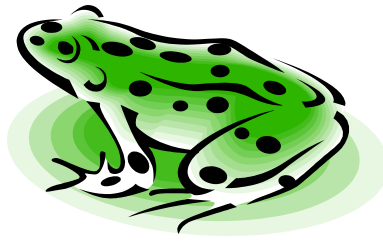


# NEWSLETTER JUNE 2021



## ST PHILIP'S MARSH NURSERY SCHOOL

### Patterns

The theme for this term is 'patterns'. The children will be observing, discovering and creating patterns in many different ways. There are patterns in nature, music, movement, literacy and maths. In fact, there are patterns everywhere! Recognising and understanding patterns is a key educational life-long skill. Understanding patterns helps children make sense of many different things. It helps to develop their critical thinking and logical skills and provides a sense of order in a complex and fast changing world. Please talk to your child about what they are learning and help them to recognise the patterns all around them and in their daily lives. Please talk to your child's key person if you have any questions or suggestions.

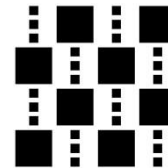


### Curriculum focus

#### Numeracy

Pattern is early algebra! It is about making predictions based on what you know. You can explore pattern through fun 'guessing' games which are really predicting games e.g. you can hide a patterned string of beads in your hand and pull out a few beads. Can you tell me what kind of bead is coming next? Or lay out a pattern of coins or fruit – cover them up – make it mysterious – uncover them one at a time – no peeping – what do you think is coming next? It's part mystery, part magic, but it's actually maths! Or play a rhythmic, patterned, moving game,

speaking as you move, "hop, skip, jump, hop, skip, jump" and then FREEZE! What were you going to do next?



#### Literacy

Encourage your child to experiment with sounds. Activities that involve children in make sounds with their body are fun. You can clap, stamp, click fingers, pat knees etc. Perform a pattern of sounds using your body and encourage your child to copy. Play 'Simon Says – Simon says clap hands/click fingers' etc. There are lots of songs and chants – 'if you're happy and you know it' is one that everybody loves. Here are some more you could try:

*Clap them, clap them, clap them so,  
Clap them high, clap them low,  
Clap them left, clap them right,  
Clap them, clap them out of sight.*

*Two little feet go tap tap tap,  
Two little hands go clap clap clap,  
I stand up quietly by my chair,  
Two little arms raise high in the air.*

*Two little feet go jump jump jump,  
Two little fists go thump thump thump,  
One little body goes round and round,  
One little child sits quietly down.*

#### Parent consultations

Parent consultations will be held face-to-face (possibly in the garden) on:

**Thursday 1 July and Tuesday 6 July** (3.45-5.30pm).

This will be a great opportunity to talk to your key person about your child's learning.

### **Transition**

Transition arrangements are underway to prepare children who will be leaving us to start their Reception classes in September. Many of the schools will phone to speak to your child's key person or they will send their Reception teacher to visit your child in school. There will hopefully be opportunities for you and your child to visit their new school for 'taster' sessions. Please talk to your child's key person if you have any concerns.

### **Wrong Trousers Day**

On **Friday 2 July** we will be participating in Wrong Trousers Day. Please wear crazy trousers/shorts, pyjamas or even wear your trousers inside out! We suggest a donation of £1 per child which will go to The Grand Appeal (Bristol Children's Hospital).



### **Snack donations**

The school provides free milk for all children. We do, however, rely on donations of fruit, vegetables (e.g. carrot sticks, cucumber, peppers) and other healthy snacks (e.g. cheese, bread sticks) for your child to share at snack time. **If you could bring in a small amount each week it would be greatly appreciated.**



### **Summer safety**

It is summer! When the sun begins to shine it is important to take certain precautions. Please make sure your child's shoulders are covered, bring a sun hat (labelled with your child's name)

and, if you think it is necessary, apply sun cream before your child comes to school. It would be difficult for staff to apply sun cream to children due to the number of children attending the setting each day and due to allergies. There are sun creams available that last all day and this would be preferable. However, you can send in sun cream (labelled with your child's name) and the staff will supervise whilst they apply it themselves. It might be a good idea for them to practice this at home first. Please do not leave sun cream in your child's bag but ensure it is given to your child's key person.

The children spend a lot of time outside: climbing; riding bikes and scooters; playing ball games; gardening and running around. Open-toed sandals, crocs and flip flops are not suitable footwear and can be dangerous. Please ensure your child wears suitable footwear.

Please provide a water bottle labelled with your child's name.



### **School photographer**

Please see attached letter.

### **Missing resources**

Some of our toys are missing! Please encourage your children to leave school toys and resources at school. If they have accidentally 'borrowed' them, please could they be returned as soon as possible.

### **African Caribbean Celebration Day**

We are having an end of year celebration with an African Caribbean theme on Wednesday 14 July. We will have a range of exciting activities for the children to take part in throughout the day. More details to follow. Unfortunately this year we are unable to invite parents/carers to join us.

### **INSET Days**

The School will be **CLOSED** on:

**Wednesday 21 July**

**Thursday 2 and Friday 3 September**

## **Important dates**

School Photographer – **Wednesday 23 June AM**  
**and Thursday 24 June PM**

**Thursday 1 and Tuesday 6 July** – parent  
consultations (3.45-5.30 pm)

**Friday 2 July** – Wrong Trousers Day

**Wednesday 14 July** – African Caribbean Day

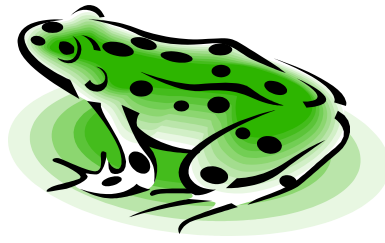
**Wednesday 21 July** – INSET day **SCHOOL CLOSED**

**22 July – 1 September** (inclusive) – School  
CLOSED for summer holidays

INSET day – **Thursday 2 and Friday 3 September** –  
**(SCHOOL CLOSED)**

Return to school – **Monday 6 September**





## **School Photographs**

**Wednesday 23 (AM) and Thursday 24 June 2021 (PM)**

On Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 March, Tempest Photography Company will be taking individual photographs of all children in the school and family photographs with siblings, if requested. If you would like a photograph of your child with their brother or sister, you will need to stay with them. This service will be available from 8.30-9.00 am on Wednesday and 12.30-1.00 pm on Thursday.

Please be aware if you are staying for family photographs it may be better to park in Meriton Street to avoid congestion in the car park.

For those children that do not normally attend on a Wednesday or Thursday, you are more than welcome to bring them into school for a 'drop in' session between 12.30-1.00 pm on Thursday. You will need to stay with your child. Please be aware this is not by appointment and so you may have to wait.

