# ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM FEDERATION



# Nursery Spring 2 Newsletter 2023

### Meet the Team



Miss Twine Class Teacher



Mrs Younas Teaching Assistant



Mrs Akbari

Mrs Chaudury Teaching Assistant

#### **Topic Overview & Key Text**

This half term we will be reading and learning the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We will be thinking about the caterpillar and answering questions such as why did



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Teaching Assistant

the caterpillar grow bigger and why did the caterpillar have a stomach ache? We will then innovate our story by changing the character. We will learn about other animals that hatch from eggs and talk about growing and changing.

We will be learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar and will have our own caterpillars to observe and look after! We will use our knowledge to create a class fact file all about caterpillars.

#### **Reading and Phonics**

The children will be learning a new group of

nursery rhymes inspired by our growing theme. They will revisit rhythm and rhyme, identifying groups of rhyming words.



This half term, the children will be introduced to Fred frog as they begin to learn about oral blending. We will be playing lots of games to encourage the children to blend sounds

St John's CofE Primary School Clarence Road, Longsight, Manchester, M13 0YE Tel: 0161 224 7752 Email: admin@sjcfederation.co.uk Head of School: A. Flint Executive Headteacher: G.F Elswood together to hear words. You can practise this at home as well by asking them to put an object in the b-i-n. In Nursery we always talk about letters using sounds rather than letter names. If you would like to know more about this, please speak to the Nursery team.

#### Writing

During Spring 2 we will continue to encourage the children to mark make as much as possible.



Our classroom is filled with their wonderful drawing and writing. We will be using our name cards to practise writing our own names. In our Literacy lessons we will make marks to represent piller is thinking and feeling

what the caterpillar is thinking and feeling.

#### Maths

This half term, we will be looking numerals and investigate different ways we represent quantities such as using practical objects or making marks. We will be playing lots of Maths games and making marks to show our score.



We will begin to identify patterns in our environment and exploring how we can make simple repeating patterns such as apple, pear, apple, pear.

We will also investigate and explore the language of size and length when learning about the growth of a plant. We will be using the language short, long, shortest, longest.



Follow us on twitter @St\_Chrysostoms to see what we have been doing during the school day.

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# Nursery Dates & Routines

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
			Mystery Reader	Story Share

## <u>Key Dates</u>

## <u>Half Term</u>

Monday 27th February 2023	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Nursery Re-opens at 8:40am
Friday 31st March 2023	School Closes at 3:15pm

## Summer Term

Monday 17th April 2023

Monday 1st May 2023

Monday 8th May 2023

Thursday 25th May 2023 Friday 26th May 2023

## Half Term

Monday 5th June 2023 Thursday 20th July 2023 Friday 21st July 2023 School Re-opens at 8:40am Bank Holiday (School is Closed for the day) Coronation Bank Holiday (School is closed for the day) School Closes at 3:15pm Staff Training Day

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