## St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



## **Summer Newsletter 2025**

## **Welcome to Reception Class**







Miss Wright



Mrs De Souza

The class teachers are, Miss Crafter on Monday, Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday and Miss Wright on a Friday. Mrs DeSouza is our full time TA who works with us Monday to Friday.

Please don't hesitate to talk to us before or after school with any concerns or questions you have, we are always available, alternatively you can contact us via Class Dojo.

Our topics for Summer 1 & 2 are: Jack and the Beanstalk, life cycles and insects, fish, seaside and pirates. We will be reading stories related to these topics and investigating and exploring using our senses.

PE will continue to be every Friday, kits will be kept in school until half term. Just a reminder that everything should be clearly labelled including the PE bag. Forest school is continuing on a Thursday afternoon and boots should remain in school.

## Helping your child at home

Reading	Writing	Maths
Read with your child every day.  Practice all of your child's word lists every day, as they often forget previous lists once they have completed them. Use the words to make up sentences so that they are not just reading them in isolation.  Once your child is becoming familiar with their word list, encourage your them to read these words on sight rather than segmenting and blending each word.	Continue to practice correct letter formation and writing their names, try to discourage writing all in capital letters (no felt tips please). Encourage your child to write simple cvc words that we learnt in phase 2 e.g. man, hat, bed  Playing with pegs, threading, cutting using scissors and manipulating play dough will develop the muscles in the hand for writing.	Continue counting past 10, as the numbers just beyond can be the trickiest. Incorporate counting within your daily routine. Encourage your child to notice numerals and quantities up to 20 in the home and when you are out and about.  Subitise – encourage your child to instantly recognise amounts up to six i.e. dots on a die, petals on a flower.  Play board games with a die and dominos.  Compare length and weight.  Understand time i.e. sequence of the day morning, midday etc