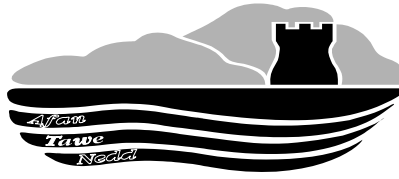
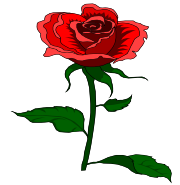




St Therese's Catholic Primary School
(Diocese of Menevia)
 'Be Joyful, Learn and keep the Faith'



7th October 2020

Foundation Phase – Reception

Dear Parents / Carers,

Your child has now reached the time when he/she will be having homework for you to help support them at home with their reading.

Developing reading skills is a slow process and will happen in the following stages:

- **STAGE 1: Letter sounds booklet**

We have started learning our letter sounds in Reception. Please help your child memorise the sounds that the letters make and not the names at this point. The letters we have learned so far will have been already ticked and practised with staff in school. Please practise and focus on these letters only when you are practising with your child in the booklet and date and tick the box to show you have completed this task. Please comment in the home/school reading diary how the session went.

- **STAGE 2: First Words Booklet and Blending booklet**

When your child had learned all the alphabet, they are now ready to learn some high frequency words and to start blending letters together. Please again practise the pages that have been identified by your class teacher and do not move on. A little bit of practise (and often) is better than too much in one go, as your child will become overwhelmed and possibly put off reading.

- **STAGE 3: Reading Book**

When your child is able to read all the First Words and is starting to blend, they will be ready for a reading book.

- Reading books and letter sound booklets will start to be sent home from Friday 9th October. Please support your child regularly at home and fill in the reading record books accordingly.
- Books need to be returned daily to school in the event that there is an opportunity to listen to your child read.
- Staff will be wearing PPE (gloves, mask/ visor) when listening to readers.
- In order to minimise contact learners will be encouraged to hold their book and turn the pages themselves.
- Books which have been changed in school will be quarantined for a period of 72 hours before being available for another pupil to bring home.

Please remember - All children learn to walk at different speeds, and they learn to read at different rates too. Please do not compare your child with others in the class as every child is different and they all learn at their own pace. In the event of any issues please contact the class teacher via the Class Dojo app.

Many thanks for your ongoing support,

C. J. Welsh
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N.B: If you have any special requirements when visiting us or require written material in a different format which we need to consider, please contact the school.

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