



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School

Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus.

(cf John 8:12)

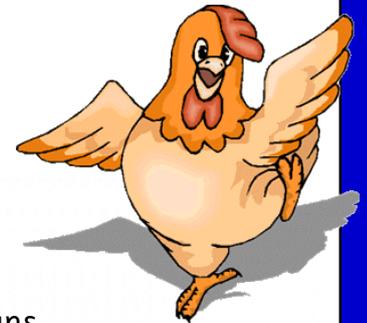


Topic : Growing & Life Cycles

Summer Term : 16th April - 25th May 2018

This half term our topic is: '**Growing and Life Cycles**'

Our RE topic is: '**New Life**'



We will be looking at :

- Seeds and how they grow.
- How plants need water, food and light to grow, just like humans.
- How children grow and change.
- What we can do, now that we are 3, 4 or 5 that we couldn't do when we were babies.
- Life cycles of frogs and butterflies.
- How chicken's hatch.
- In Maths we are looking at capacity and non-standard measures. We are also working on addition and subtraction with full time children.
- In Language we are concentrating on writing our own names (first and second for full time children) copy writing carefully, practising our letter sounds and also letter names – relating this knowledge to capital letters. Full time children are learning to use their knowledge of letter sounds, to help them write sentences which make sense. We are trying to keep our writing very neat and small, with a capital letter at the beginning of our sentence and full stop at the end, remembering finger spaces between each word.

You Can Help Your Child By :

- Looking at plants in your garden or the park.
- Visiting a garden centre.
- Looking at photographs of your child when he/she was a baby and talking about how they have grown.
- Talking about what we need to grow.
- In Maths continue with practical addition/subtraction, using objects in the home will help. We set out sums like this:

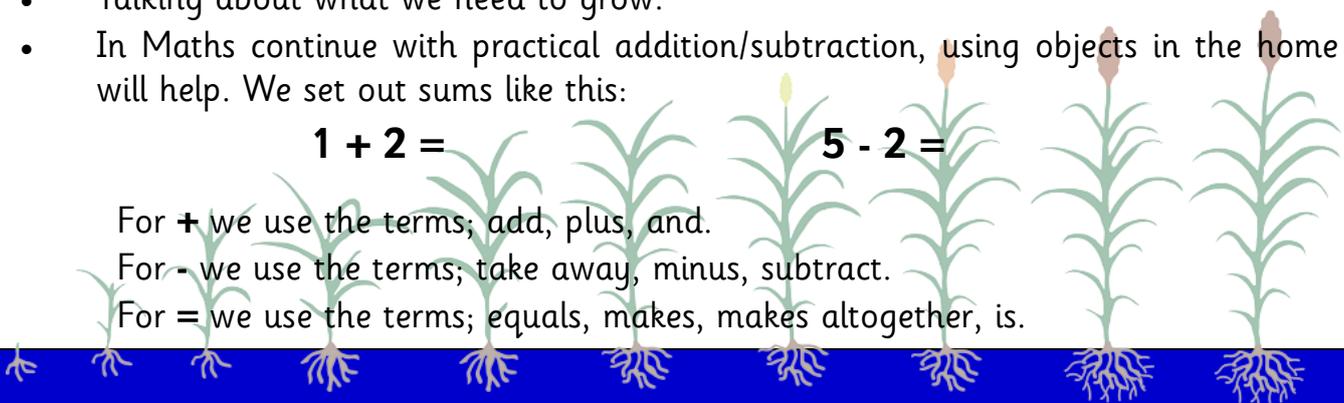
$$1 + 2 =$$

$$5 - 2 =$$

For + we use the terms; add, plus, and.

For - we use the terms; take away, minus, subtract.

For = we use the terms; equals, makes, makes altogether, is.



- In Language, talking about words that rhyme, 'hot, pot, cot, lot etc.'
- Ask your child to spell or write words, either by you telling them the letter sound or your child writing down the letters in the word they can hear.
- Practise any reading words your child brings home for 5 minutes each night – little and often is best. *(Full-time children)*



To increase your child's independence and in preparation for Year 1, we are encouraging the **full time children** to come into the unit by themselves on a morning. If you feel you would prefer to come in with your child, or if you want to see a member of staff you are welcome to do so.

Please remember to return your child's **homework bag** on **WEDNESDAYS**. It is important that your child's **reading bag** is returned on their reading day so your child does not miss out on reading their book to a member of staff.

In P.E all full time children will now be working on the apparatus. Children need a pair of black pumps, a pair of navy blue shorts and a white t-shirt with their name written inside of each item and hung in a bag on their coat peg. **No jewellery is allowed** so please remove and leave at home any earrings/chains/bracelets etc. on **Fridays** so these valuables do not get misplaced.

Can we ask that all parents make sure they use the correct entrance and exit (from the Infant playground) for the Early Years Unit, so we can maintain a safe environment for all the children. **If you arrive after 9:00 please use the main reception to enter the school building.**

Thank you for remembering your 50p baking fund money every week as this helps us offer a mixed and varied curriculum.

EYU School Trip : Friday 4th May 2018 – Yorkshire Wildlife Park

If you have any questions regarding anything in the Unit, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you,

The Early Years Unit Staff

