

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Curriculum Letter



Autumn Term 2018

Welcome to Early Years! I am looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming weeks. If you have any questions please ask!

Mrs Horton

RE	The children will be learning about the Creation story and God's gifts to us, the role of the Priest and lay people in the Community of the Church. We will also be looking at Festivals and Celebrations.
Communication and Language	The children will be learning to take turns in conversations - listening and allowing others to speak, in whole class situations, small groups and independent play.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Self confidence and self awareness - Getting to know you games in circle time. Reading books about starting school, making new friends and families. Gain confidence in speaking about own wants, needs and interests. Making Relationships —Circle time games building relationships, taking turns, making friends and dealing with our own feelings. Emphasise working as a team and helping one another.
Literacy	Reading — use letters and sounds phase 1 & 2, link to Jolly Phonics. Play games to introduce initial, medial and final sounds in words. Share information books about topic, books from home, stories, sing songs and rhymes. Writing — We will use the IWB for writing activities independently and in group time. The children will be writing for different purposes—both independently and through adult led activities. The children will be developing their early writing skills through movement and dance.
Mathematics	Numbers – we will be singing number songs and rhymes. Play counting games, count at circle time, snack time. Number recognition – we will be talking about numbers that we see in different places. Shape, Space and Measure - We will use scales in cookery to measure ingredients and use mathematical language such as heavy and light to describe quantities and size. There will be lots of opportunities to use a variety of resources to create and recreate patterns both independently and through adult led activities. The children will be exploring shape and using the correct language to name and describe a range of 3D and 2D shapes, and everyday objects. We will also be talking about time and place in relation to seasons and festivals.
Understanding the World	People and Communities – introduce topic 'All About Me' explaining that we are learning about ourselves, families and school (including rules and routines) guided tours of the school to become familiar with surroundings. Discuss similarities and differences with our families and friends. The World —The children will observe and comment on what they see in the world around them. Magnifying glasses are always available to encourage closer observations. ICT – the children will access a range of digital equipment and interactive toys such as Beebots. We will also use iPads. The children will use the IWB both independently and in adult led group work.
Expressive Art and Design	Exploring Media and Materials — The children will have access to our well resourced art workshop where they will be able to make 3D models and complete independent painting and colour mixing activities. There will be free access to construction kits and small world play equipment inside and out to create own small world situations. Adult led activities providing opportunities to experiment with different paint and printing techniques. Being Imaginative — Through music sessions and child initiated learning the children will learn new songs and rhymes. They will learn to tap a simple rhythm, imitate and create movements in response to music. They will have free access to percussion instruments to explore and enjoy. We will sing songs and create drama linked to topic and the Christmas story and other festivals. The children will have opportunities to recreate familiar roles and experiences in the home corner.
Physical Development	Moving and Handling — Open access to outside for play on large equipment such as bikes, boxes and the climbing frame. We will have PE sessions in the Hall —dance, movement and exploring ways of travelling using different body parts and small and large scale movements. The children will have lots of opportunities to experiment with one handed tools and equipment in adult led activities and

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through their independent play.

Health and Self Care— talk about the effect of exercise after PE and in the garden. Discuss personal routines washing hands, bathing, brushing hair, eating the correct foods and why it is important to do this for a healthy lifestyle.

Class Key Dates

Clearing the Nature Area - Saturday 22nd September

International Mass - Sunday 23rd September 11am at Church