

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School EYFS

Curriculum Letter



Spring Term 2019

Happy New Year!! I hope that you and the children had a fantastic Christmas and that the children had lots of fun. We are looking forward to the coming term which will be packed with lots of learning and exploring.

Mrs Horton

RE	The children will be learning about the Feast of the Epiphany, Baptism, The Presentation in the Temple, The role of the Priest, Church buildings and artefacts, Lent (Ash Wednesday, Symbols for Lent, Lenten promises & sorry prayers), and Holy Week (Palm Sunday, The Last Supper & Good Friday).
Communication and Language	The children will be learning to explore the meaning and sounds of new words and to speak in a variety of different situations (including our first class assembly). We will continue to share our favourite stories throughout the school day.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	We will be sharing positive characteristics of friends and characters in stories that we read, developing 'resourcefulness' and looking after the resources in our classroom, encouraging the children to understand that other children's ideas may be different from their own and developing the children's negotiating and problem solving skills.
Literacy	Reading — the children are all now confidently sharing reading books with adults in school – we hope you are enjoying reading them at home, we will continue to follow Letters and Sounds in our phonics sessions, we have now moved on to Phase 3. Please continue to practise the 'word animals' with your child (found in their reading record). Writing — The children are progressing brilliantly with their writing. This term we will be focussing on using our phonic skills to write simple sentences – including some tricky words and punctuation!
Mathematics	In Maths this term we will continue to work towards the Early Learning Goals, counting on and back from different numbers, further developing understanding of number and calculation, including practical addition and subtraction and problem solving. We will also be learning and practising correct number formation. The children will continue to develop their mathematical skills and language through their play and adult led activities such as cooking. We will also learn the correct names for, investigate & describe common 3D shapes.
Understanding the World	People and Communities – We will be looking at festivals around the world such as Chinese New Year and learning about how different people celebrate. We will be sharing our experiences of Easter and how we celebrate with our families. The World —we will be looking at traditional tales this term. The children will be investigating making shelters and paying attention to different weather. Hopefully we will get some exciting wintery weather! We will talk about what we notice each day and any changes that are occurring in our environment as winter becomes spring. 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

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	adult led group work.
Expressive Art and Design	<p>Exploring Media and Materials– The children will continue to 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 will include making cards for celebrations such as Mothers Day & Easter.</p> <p>Being Imaginative– Through music sessions and child initiated learning the children will learn new songs and rhymes. They will also learn about pitch and rhythm, imitate and create movements in response to music. They will have free access to percussion instruments to explore and enjoy. The children will have opportunities to recreate familiar roles and experiences in the home corner.</p>
Physical Development	<p>We will continue to reinforce good hygiene reminding the children to wash their hands and use tissues to avoid the spread of germs. The children will be developing their fine motor control through adult led and child initiated activities. They will become much more confident when holding a pencil and forming letters of the alphabet correctly. Our weekly PE sessions will continue on a Friday – the children are learning how to use a range of small and large equipment, and developing an understanding of the benefits of an active lifestyle.</p>

Class Key Dates

EYFS Class Assembly - Friday 15th February

EYFS Mass in Church - Wednesday 27th March

Parents Evenings - Wednesday 27th March & Thursday 28th March