

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School EYFS

Curriculum Letter



Summer Term 2019

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful Easter break and managed to spend some time enjoying the fantastic weather. Our theme for this term 'Out and About' - we have lots of exciting activities planned.

Mrs Horton

RE	The children will be learning about Easter Sunday, The Resurrection, The Paschal Candle, Ascension, Pentecost, types of prayer and the Feast of St Peter and St Paul.
Communication and Language	The children will be sharing their thoughts, feelings and experiences in small and large groups. They will be listening to a range of fiction and non-fiction texts from our topic. .
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	The children will have lots of opportunities to reflect on why it is good to be them, explore feelings of proud and happy because of an achievement or how they have behaved and behavioural choices they have made. The children will also be learning how to stand up for themselves in a positive and productive way. We will be talking about changes and new beginnings towards the end of the term.
Literacy	Reading - we will be reading a range of stories together – including 'Rainbow Fish', 'Titch', 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and many others. Please continue to share books with your child and practise recognising tricky words at home. writing - In addition to our daily child-initiated opportunities to write, the children will be learning to write recounts and instructions – using their phonic knowledge to sound out words and form sentences.
Mathematics	We will be continuing with our work on number and shape – the children need to recognise, write and order numbers to 20. The children are beginning to learn about money – encourage them to look at different coins and discuss using them in shops. We are introducing using clocks and talking about daily routines. Discuss with your child what time it is when you do a particular activity (such as bedtime).
Understanding the World	The children will be learning to observe and describe plants, animals and natural objects and how they change over time. They will learn about lifecycles and how things grow (we will have tadpoles in the classroom to watch). We will be using our problem solving and prediction skills to carry out a seed growing experiment. The children will also be learning about homes in other countries and how other children live.
Expressive Art and Design	The children will have regular opportunities to dress up and engage in role-play in a variety of situations such as a shop, home corner and garden centre. The children will be designing and making their own model homes. We will be setting up a construction area / building site role play outside for the children to develop their building skills. In art the children will be exploring different materials and techniques. In music, we will be thinking of our own words and changing well known nursery rhymes and experimenting with different musical instruments. We will also be creating our own! Please do come to the school fayre to hear the children singing.

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Physical Development

We will be continuing to use a range of equipment in the hall – the children are exploring ways of travelling and moving their bodies as they develop their skills. We will be introducing dance to our Friday PE sessions. Outdoor PE will begin in the coming weeks – where the children will play team games and practise races. The children will be reminded of the importance of handwashing after gardening and handling minibeasts. Mrs Houston will be discussing the need for a healthy diet and lifestyle, including the importance of keeping active.

Class Key Dates

Wednesday 1st May - Whole School Mass 11am

Tuesday 11th June - Class Photographs

Tuesday 25th June - Zoolab Visit

Wednesday 3rd July - Early Years Mass (School)