



Year R Autumn Term 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the beginning of your learning journey in Reception class at St Mary's.

In Year R, we have many exciting things lined up for our learning.

With Personal, Social and Emotional development as the main driver, our cross-curricular topic will be 'Me and My Community'. This project supports children with settling into the new rules and routines of school and encourages them to make new friends and feel confident in their class. It teaches children about being helpful, kind and thoughtful at home and at school. This project also teaches children how they are unique and special, the importance of friendship and how people in their family, school and local community are important and can help them.



Communication and Language

During small group or one to one discussions, we will be learning to ask questions to find out more and understand what has been said. We will also be learning to listen carefully in a range of situations and be aware of the importance of listening. In addition we will be learning to ask a relevant scientific question to find out more, explain how things work and why they might happen. During this topic we will gain an understanding of the meanings of new words by using them in discussion and role play situations.



Reading

We will be reading a range of books linked to families, school and friendship such as starting school, Friends, Hug me, My Mum, Superhero Dad, Lost and Found, The Great big Book of Families, The Rainbow Fish. We will also be reading books about People Who Help Us in the community. In addition we will be learning to listen to and talk about selected non-fiction books to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary. Also during the autumn term we will be recognising and saying sounds for each letter of the alphabet and then identifying these sounds in words.

Writing

We will be learning to use writing to communicate thoughts, ideas, experiences and events. We will be representing sounds with letters in our writing and then beginning to write simple words and phrases. In addition, we will be writing personal narratives about special friends.

Maths

We will be learning to match and sort collections of objects and quantities based on different attributes. We will also be learning to compare sets of objects using language such as fewer and more and place them in order. In addition, we will be learning to compare height and length using language such as larger, big, small, smaller, bigger, longer, shorter, taller.



RE

We will begin the academic year with the Domestic Church - Learning about the importance of our name and that God knows and loves each one of us. We then move onto Welcome - Baptism: A welcome to God's family.

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Understanding the World

We will be learning to describe our immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps. We will also be learning to talk about the lives of the people around

us and their roles in society. In addition we will be aware of ways to care for their local environment.

PSHE

'Being me in my World' which has a strong focus on getting to know each other, class social bonding, introducing new systems and routines.

Science

We will be learning to discuss simple changes as they have grown from being a baby.

PE

Real PE - Unit 1 (Personal) coordination: footwork Static balance: One leg. Please ensure that your child has kit appropriate for both indoor/outdoor sessions. In the interest of safety, children with earrings will be expected to remove them.

Our PE days will be Thursday and Friday.

Children should wear their PE kits to school on these two days.

Computing

We will be inputting simple instructions to technological toys, including floor robots.



Music

Charanga Musical School - In term 1, we will be learning to sing nursery rhymes and action songs. In addition to this we will be listening and responding to different styles of music.

Homework

The homework tasks that the children will be expected to complete are as follows: Reading - Encourage your child to read as much as possible as this will help with their comprehension and writing. (10 minutes daily)

Practise phonics sounds (daily)

Word cards (daily)

Mathematics task/activity (weekly)

We may send home topic related tasks/projects to be completed during the term.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to St Mary's for an exciting and busy year ahead.

Miss Glenn