



Parent Overview

Reception Class: Autumn 2018

This overview provides you with information about what your child will be learning during the Autumn term. In addition, all pupils will continue to learn about the Catholic Virtues and British Values as appropriate throughout the curriculum. If you require any further information, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Communication & Language and Literacy



This term we will be

- Talking about story characters.
- Starting to write independently using our phonic skills.
- Writing character descriptions and starting to write simple captions and sentences.
- Learning phonics. This will be taught every day and will underpin reading development. Further information will be sent home as term progresses.

Maths



This term we will be

- Counting out objects accurately and consistently.
- Developing our understanding of '1 more' and '1 less', this is the basis for practical addition and subtraction.
- Developing understanding of positional language (under, over, on top, next to etc)
- Measuring practically to find tallest, shortest, heaviest, lightest.

Religious Education



This term we will be

- Studying Creation and finding out about God's beautiful world.
- Finding out about Mary, Mother of Jesus, who is our class saint.
- Learning school prayers.
- Learning how to join in during whole school Mass.

Physical Development



This term we will be

- Doing lots of 'Funky Fingers' activities to prepare us for Writing. These activities help strengthen finger muscles and arm muscles.
- Practising these skills through dough gym (playdough to disco music!), threading, using giant tweezers and more!
- Developing scissor control and using appropriate pressure.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This term we will be

- Learning to share
- Learning to play with friends without falling out!
- Practising taking turns in games.
- Trying new activities and developing resilience- even if something is challenging.
- Learning to follow school rules to ensure we are doing excellent learning.

Topic

This term our topics are: 'Will you read me a story?' (1st half term) and 'Are we there yet?' after the half term holiday. We will also be covering seasonal changes and festivals such as Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas.

We will be learning about: During 'Will you tell me a story' we will cover Goldilocks and the 3 bears- making porridge, acting out the story using masks and puppets. story characters- princes, princesses, giants and witches- who is a goodie? A baddie? We will make crowns, act out stories, change endings and write some captions using our phonic skills.

During 'Are we there yet?' we will play in a rocket role-play area, explore alien goop when we read 'Aliens love underpants' and make stories based around train journeys and routes we design ourselves.

Other important information

PE kit will be kept in school for the whole half term. We will send it home for half term holiday week and ask that you return it to school on 05.11.18

PE days are Wednesdays and Thursdays- no earrings to be worn please.

Important dates for the term

Wednesday 17.10.18 - phonics workshop (3.30pm/5pm)

Tuesday 23.10.18- Parents evening (3.30-5.00)

Thursday 25.10.18-Parents evening (4.00-7.00)

Thursday 25.10.18- School closes for half term

Monday 05.11.18- School reopens

Wednesday 12.12.18- Whole school carol concert at St John's church 6.30pm

Thursday 13.12.18- Reception Christmas performance 2.15pm

Friday 21.12.18- School closes for Christmas Holidays at 3.15pm

How to help at home

- Persevere with letting your child get dressed and undressed! We appreciate it is difficult when you are in a rush but it is an important skill we need your child to master. Label all clothes for school please!
- Read lots of stories, ask your child lots of questions and encourage them to make up stories of their own.
- Please do phoneme practice regularly, 5 minutes each night is preferable to 30 minutes once per week.
- Please encourage your child to write using cursive script. We have sent home example sheets and would welcome your support with this.

