

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



Reception Spring Term 2

Literacy

We will continue to incorporate Drawing Club into our literacy sessions. During these lessons, the children will practise writing CVC and CVCC words, as well as tricky words, to strengthen their phonics knowledge and early writing skills. This term, our key texts will include a variety of traditional tales, adventure stories and stories from the past. The children will enjoy exploring Farmer Duck, The Ugly Duckling, The Clangers, Rosie's Walk, The Little Red Hen and Morph. Children will continue to participate within daily name writing activities and will read with a teacher.

Maths

In Maths this half term, the children will build on their understanding of numbers by representing, comparing, and subitising numbers, as well as exploring one more and one less within ten. They will also investigate doubles, number bonds, and begin to understand odd and even numbers. In addition, the children will explore 3D shapes and learn about time and height through our indoor and outdoor provision.

Communication and Language

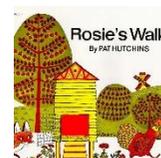
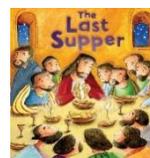
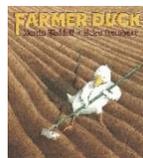
Our whole class carpet time, group activities and one to one sessions are designed to develop the children's listening and attention, understanding and speaking skills. This term we will be identifying main characters in stories, asking and answering 'where' questions, using conjunctions to join ideas and retell stories. We will continue to work on speaking in full sentences and encourage children to ask questions to find out more and check children's understanding.

RE

In RE, we will know and understand that spring is a time when things grow, and that Lent is a time to grow in love to be more like Jesus. The children will look forward to Easter by learning about Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The children will talk about their own experiences of 'growing' in themselves and in nature. We will continue to encourage the children to respond in a variety of ways including verbally, through art and role play. The children will participate in daily prayer and weekly whole school and class Celebration of the Word.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

It is our main priority to develop and nurture our children's personal, social and emotional development. As early years practitioners, we will continue to build strong, warm and supportive relationships with our children to enable children to learn their own feelings and the feelings of others. The children will engage in weekly PSED focus sessions following our TEN TEN scheme, exploring strategies for developing healthy relationships and learning how to keep safe both online and in their daily lives.



Understanding the World

Our topic this half term is 'New Life'. Here the children will talk about different farm animals, learn about animal life cycles and explore the season of spring. We will also learn about recycling and look at maps of our local area. The children will learn the Christian Easter Story and take pictures using iPads. The children will continue to explore our world through our outdoor area.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our adult led craft activities will be centred around our topic of New Life, Lent and our chosen literacy books. Our art area will continue to encourage our children to be independent in experimenting with different colours, materials and tools. Our role play area will include a pet shop this term. In our Music sessions the children will continue to engage in musical activities that embed pulse, rhythm and pitch, explore voices and percussion instruments.

Physical Development

Our children will continue to engage in daily activities such as moulding, cutting and threading to support their fine motor skills and will have access to our balancing equipment and bikes to develop their gross motor skills. Our theme in PE is 'Multi-skills'. The children will develop their gross motor, team-building and language skills with our NUFC coach.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all had a restful break! The children have settled beautifully back into school routine. We have another exciting half-term ahead as we prepare for Easter. Please continue to look out for information on our school Facebook page, Seesaw, school newsletter and School Gateway email platform.

Key information

Reading – Please continue to read with your child on a daily basis and sign their reading records when you do so. Please ensure reading records and books are brought into school everyday.

Bookbags - Children should have a bookbag to carry letters, reading book and reading record. This is to come to school every day. No backpacks please as we have limited room in the classroom/cloakroom. Please do not send your child to school with items from home e.g. toys, pencil cases etc.

Water bottles - Please send your child to school with their own water bottle every day. Please do not fill your child's water bottles with juice, plain water only. We replenish the water throughout the day.

School Meals - A reminder that school meals are free in Reception. We highly encourage parents to let their children have a free school meal as we believe it is important for children to try a variety of food and enjoy a hot meal.

P.E kits –Your child will come to school in PE kit on PE days. The school PE kit should include: a blue t-shirt, blue or black shorts/jogging bottoms and trainers. No jewellery is to be worn during P.E. lessons. Please ensure your child wears velcro trainers unless they are able to tie their shoelaces independently. PE lessons will take place on a **Thursday**.

We are always available after school if you wish to discuss any issues or concerns. If you wish to arrange a more focussed appointment, please contact the school office.

Thank you
Miss Calvert and Mrs Nixon