

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



Nursery Spring Term 2

Literacy

We will continue to incorporate Story Dough into our literacy sessions. During these lessons, the children will develop their oracy skills through being introduced to a wider range of vocabulary and develop narrative by talking about the characters in the stories and what might happen to them. This term, our key texts will be based around our topic of the farm, they will compare city and country lives as well as looking at farming in other countries. The key texts we will study include; *What the Ladybird Heard*, *Farmyard Hullabaloo*, *Old Mikanba had a farm*, and *The Birthday Duck*. Our phonics sessions will focus on hearing initial sounds in words and looking at the letter pictures and rhymes that represent the different sounds. We will continue to write our names in the morning.

Maths

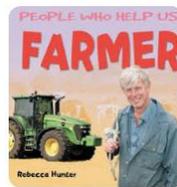
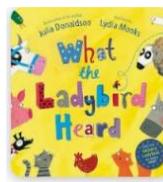
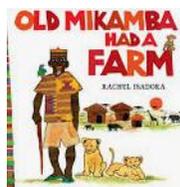
In Maths this half term, the children will build on their understanding of numbers by representing, comparing and subitising numbers to 3, the children will learn how to count out a number from a larger amount as well as begin to see dot patterns. We will continue to learn about patterns by recognising patterns in the environment and making our own patterns. We will carry on using shapes for a purpose, selecting the shapes we need and following positional instructions to put them in place. In each of our daily maths sessions children will get the opportunity to join in with a related Nursery rhyme and listen to a maths related story.

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 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 discover and name their own feelings. 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.



Communication and Language

Our main priority is to ensure that high-quality interactions take place between adults and children as well as children and their peers. We will introduce our key vocabulary in our Literacy sessions and this will be enhanced throughout the classroom through the use of vocabulary cards with pictorial representations on. Some of the key vocabulary we will learn is: farm, farmer, grow, animals, cow, sheep, duck, hen, goat, pig, city, country, Africa and England.

Physical Development

Our children will continue to have regular access to the outdoor provision where we will develop our gross-motor skills through pedalling, climbing, lifting, pulling, pushing, painting with large brushes and digging. Our indoor and outdoor classrooms are designed to encourage fine-motor skills through threading, drawing, cutting, moulding, painting (standing up and sitting down) and baking.

Understanding the World

Our topic this half term is 'The Farm'. Our Key Knowledge will be what a farm is, what a farmer does, cities and countries are different, different animals live in different countries, and what plants need to grow. Children will have opportunities to explore the natural world through using our outdoor area, our outdoor focus will be on planting our own vegetables to harvest in the summer. Children will get the opportunity to visit Pet's Corner and see the animals there.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our indoor and outdoor classrooms are designed for children to be able to express themselves creatively. We will provide stimulus in our art area, painting area, playdough area, small-world area, role-play area, construction area and music area around our topic of 'The Farm'. Children will have opportunities to participate in adult-led sessions where we will focus on developing the key-skills of cutting, sticking, drawing, painting, printing and baking.

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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 the Arbor communication platform.

Key information

Nursery Day – A gentle reminder that the Nursery day begins at 8:45 and ends at 3:15, should you wish to drop your child off later or collect them earlier please can you let the office know.

Bags – Thank you all for sending in a spare set of clothes with your child each day. Our cloakroom is now becoming really crowded so please send your child's spare clothes in a drawstring bag rather than a backpack. This also helps children to hang their own coats and bags up.

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 – We do encourage children to have a school meal this helps with developing healthy practices in terms of eating as well as building up fine-motor skills through using a knife and fork.

Uniform –Your child will participate in outdoor exercise everyday, so they should dress as if it was a PE session. Children should wear, a blue t-shirt a school jumper/cardigan, black joggers/leggings and black trainers. School trousers and skirts are not practical for the Nursery day. No jewellery should be worn including watches.

Outdoor classroom – everyday we take the children outside to experience our outdoor classroom, garden area and mud kitchen. Please can you provide your child with a pair of wellies and waterproof trousers or a puddle suit.

Visit to Pets Corner – We are planning a trip to Pet's Corner this term, this will be dependent on support from parents and would greatly appreciate you joining us on the visit.

I am always available before or after school if you wish to discuss anything with me, or should you wish to arrange for a longer chat please contact the school office.

Thank you
Mrs Craggs