



St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School
Autumn Term 2018 Curriculum information for parents.
Classes: Mrs Smith (RS) Discoverers, (RG) Investigators
Teachers: Mrs Smith and Mrs Gandhi
Welcome to Reception. This term we will be learning about:

Mathematics

- The children will recognise numerals 0-10.
- The children will count reliably up to 10 everyday objects.
- The children will talk about, recognise and recreate patterns.
- The children will use language, such as circle or bigger to describe the shape and size of solids and flat shapes.
- The children will say and use the number names in order and in familiar contexts.
- The children will use language of time 'O' clock.
- The children will explore practical capacity.

Understanding the world

- **Myself: Food and Health** The children will learn about the importance of food, water, and exercise for humans to stay healthy and alive. Children will look at the differences between themselves and others: treating others sensitively.
- **Myself: My Environment and My School/Home** In studying their environment the children will learn to ask questions about where they live and the natural world. They will take notice of features in the local environment. They will use appropriate vocabulary to reinforce observations, e.g. town, park, village and city.
- **Myself: Body Parts and the Senses** The children will learn about their bodies and investigate the five senses.
- **Myself: Families** The children will look at their families.
- **Christmas:** The First Christmas.
- **Growth mindset – resilience, perseverance and can do attitude.**

Religion

- Please encourage your child to learn the prayers at home.
- The children will learn about Jesus' life and they will get ready for Christmas.

Communication, Language Reading and Writing

- The children will develop their self-confidence to speak, and listen to others about wants, needs and interests.
- They will develop a comfortable and efficient pencil grip.
- They will extend their vocabulary to explore the meanings and sounds of new words.
- They will recognise letters sounds and introduce blends.
- They will learn to form lower case letters correctly.
- They will write their own name.
- Non-fiction: they will look at simple non-fiction texts, including recounts.
- They will learn to recognise high-frequency and familiar words.

Physical development

- The children will develop their movement individually and as part of a group.
- They will be encouraged to respond to action songs.
- In movement, the children will learn words such as gallop, slither, follow and lead will be used.
- In drama the children will be encouraged to move at more than one speed and use a wide range of body parts.
- Activities will be devised to allow the children to exercise increasing control over an object.

French

- This term the children will be learning greetings, numbers, weather, songs, finger rhymes and colours.

Personal, Social and Emotional development

- The children will be encouraged to tackle their own challenges.
- The children will be taught to operate independently within the environment and show confidence in linking up with others for support and guidance.
- The children will be expected to dress and undress independently and manage their own personal hygiene.
- The children will experience circle time and share thoughts and feelings.

Expressive Arts and Design

- The children will tap out simple repeated rhythms.
- Through a variety of practical apparatus and activities the children will explore and learn how sounds can be changed.
- The children will be given opportunities to experiment with construction kits, collages, paintings and drawings.
- The children will learn to move with dance and expression.
- The children will experiment with materials to create different textures.
- The children will work creatively on a large or small scale.
- The children will imitate and create movement and respond to musical stimulus.
- The children will perform Nativity-Drama and songs.

Ways to help your child...

Talk to your child each day, asking them what they enjoyed learning.

Read every evening, this is invaluable in extending their vocabulary and helps them to become readers and writers.

Home learning handed out every Friday please return book bags every Wednesday.

Clearly label your child's uniform, including hats, ties and shoes so that property can be returned if lost.