



St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School

Spring Term 2019 Curriculum information for parents.

Classes: (NC) Shining Stars and (NM) Busy Bees.

Teacher: Ms Crotty and Miss Murillo

This term we will be learning about:

Mathematics

- Children will recognise the numerals 1 to 10, 10-15, 15-20.
- Children will use number names appropriately.
- Children will begin to write the numerals 1 to 10, 10-15, 15-20.
- Children will begin to recognise the numbers beyond 10.
- Children will develop understanding of cardinal numbers and one-to-one correspondence.
- Children will recognise and explore the names of 2d and 3d shapes.
- Children will learn positional language
- Describe shapes in terms of size e.g. round, tall, long, short etc.
- Categorise objects according to shape and size.
- Explore pattern.

Word of the Week

Every week the children will be introduced to a new word. They will explore its meaning and learn how to put it into different sentences.

Understanding the World

- Comment about their world.
- Talk about things they have observed.
- Develop an understanding of change over time
- Notice detailed features of objects in the environment.
- Find out why things happen and how they work.
- Share and talk about significant experiences in their lives.

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Communication, Language Reading and Writing

- Children will be encouraged to join in with favourite stories, rhymes and songs.
- Given the opportunity to distinguish between the different marks they make.
- Give meaning to marks as they draw and paint
- Show an interest in illustrations and print in books.
- Children will learn new sounds and start blending (mat, cat, sat).
- Recognise familiar signs.
- Learn and say the names of sounds.
- Children will be encouraged to hold mark-making tools correctly.
- Children will be encouraged to use writing as a means of communicating and to recognise that print has meaning.

Physical development

- Children will be encouraged to hold their pencil correctly.
- Given opportunities to move spontaneously within available space.
- Children will be encouraged to become more independent in self-care; help with clothing etc.

Ways to help your child...

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

Give your child plenty of opportunities to count, sort and match objects.

Help your child with their home learning.

Read lots of story books to your child. Talk to him/her about the pictures in the books.

Let your child experiment with paint, pencils, crayons, felt tips. Activities using this media help develop the muscles in the hand required for the early stages of writing and drawing.

Please encourage your child to hold their pencil correctly. Children at this stage should be encouraged NOT to use a whole hand grasp. **Remember practise doesn't make perfect it makes permanent.**

Self help skills

Encourage your child to take care of their coats, hats, scarves etc. Encourage your child to put on/take off their coat by themselves and hang it on the correct peg. Remember hats and scarves go inside coat sleeves.

Personal, Social and Emotional development

- Children will be encouraged to express their own preferences and interests.
- Children will be encouraged to show understanding and cooperate with some boundaries and routines.
- Encouraged to seek out others to share experiences and to start joining in with others' play, extending and elaborating play ideas.
- Children will discuss feelings and be encouraged to express their own feelings such as sad, happy, cross, scared, worried.

Religion

Our Topic this term is 'Sacramental People'. The children will understand the seven sacraments and gain an insight into what it means to be a Sacramental person. They will gain an understanding on how we celebrate the presence of God in Church.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Create sounds by banging, shaking, tapping, blowing.
- Children will explore rhythm.
- Explore different textures.
- Explore colour and how colours can be changed.
- Add more detail to pictures.
- Learn how to use scissors.