



St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School

Autumn Term 2025 Curriculum information for parents

Classes: Mrs Smith (RS) Discoverers, Ms McDonagh (RM) Investigators

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 learn the days of the week.

Communication, Language, Comprehension, Word Reading and Writing

- The children will develop their self-confidence to speak and listen to others.
- 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 letter sounds and blends.
- They will learn to form lower case letters correctly, using cursive script.
- They will write their own name and captions.
- Non-fiction: they will look at simple non-fiction texts, including recounts.
- They will learn to recognise high-frequency and familiar words.

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 imitate and create movement and respond to musical stimulus.

Music

- Kodaly and Solfa
- Reception Listening Spine
- Exploring Duration

Religious Education

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

Physical Development

- They 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.
- 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.

RSHE - Created and Loved by God

This topic explores the individual. Rooted in the teaching that we are created by God out of love and for love, it helps children to develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships.

Understanding the World Geography/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 (town, park, village, etc.)

Science/Body Parts and the Senses

The children will learn about their bodies and investigate the five senses.

History/Families

The children will look at their families.

Christmas: The First Christmas.

Growth Mindset - resilience, perseverance and can do attitude.

Ways to help your child

Attend the **Meet the Teacher Reception Presentation** for Parents Wednesday 10 September 3:15pm -3:45pm

- **Talk** to your child each day, asking them what they enjoyed about school. See Growth Mindset for parents under the Learning tab on our school website. www.stjosephsrc.co.uk
- **Read every evening.** This is invaluable in extending their vocabulary and helps them to become readers and writers.
- Please **clearly label your child's uniform with their full name and class**, including hats, shoes, scarves and gloves so that property can be returned if lost.
- Please make sure your child has their fully labelled **PE kit** in school. It must contain a pair of plimsolls, the school's polo shirt, school shorts and spare clothes. Every single item needs to be labelled, not just the PE bag.
- We are following the Read Write Inc. phonics programme by Ruth Miskin: You can purchase the sound cards from Amazon: Phonics Flashcards (Read Write Inc. Home)