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Spring Term 2026 Curriculum information for parents.

Class: Mrs Murphy (NM) Busy Bees.

Nursery Manager: Mrs Murphy, Miss Martina (Nursery Nurse) and Miss Anna, Miss Lettina, Miss Jeri and Miss Emma (Teaching Assistants)

This term we will be learning about:

Mathematics

- Children will recognise the numerals 1 - 8, finding, subsisting and representing.
- Children will use number names appropriately.
- Children will begin to write the numerals 1 to 8.
- Children will begin to have an understanding of cardinal numbers.
- Recognise and explore the names of 2D shapes and describe them in terms of size e.g. round, tall, long, short etc.
- Categorise objects according to shape and size, learn vocabulary linked to weight and distance
- Children will learn positional language
- Explore, talk about and recreate patterns.

Communication, Language, Comprehension, Word Reading and Writing

- Children will be encouraged to join in with favourite stories, rhymes and songs.
- Distinguish between the different marks they make, give meaning to them and recognise that print has meaning.
- Show an interest in illustrations and print in books.
- Children will learn new sounds and start blending (mat, cat, sat).
- They will be encouraged to hold mark-making tools correctly and use writing as a means of communication.

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.

Religious Education

For Spring 1 the topic is 'Galilee and Jerusalem'. The children will learn about the wise men visiting Jesus.

In Spring 2 the topic is 'Desert to Garden' the children will learn about Lent and how Jesus died on the cross for us.

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.

Music:

The children will learn to listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses.

Growth Mind-set: resilience, perseverance and can do attitude.

RSHE The unit **Created to Love Others** explores the individual's relationship with others. Building on the understanding that we have been created out of love and for love, this module explores how we take this calling into our family, friendships, and relationships and teaches strategies for developing healthy relationships and keeping safe.

Understanding the World

- Comment about their world.
- Encourage children to notice signs of spring within their environment and develop an understanding of growth, decay and changes 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.

Physical development

- Children will be encouraged to hold their pencil correctly.
- Develop control in using jugs to pour and hammers in construction.
- Given opportunities to move spontaneously within available space.
- Increase confidence in moving in a variety of ways.
- 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.

Let your child experiment with paint, pencils, crayons, felt tips and cutting skills. Activities using this media help develop the muscles in the hand required for the early stages of writing and drawing. Read lots of storybooks to your child. Talk to him/her about the pictures in the books.

Attend the meeting on Tuesday 27 January at 3:15pm which will focus on the importance of talk and reading in supporting your child's development.

Self-help skills

Encourage them to put on their coats, do up their zips, put on/take off and their jumpers also.

- Visit our school website www.stjosephsrc.co.uk for up to date information. Home learning will be given out on Friday and book bags to be returned to nursery on Wednesday.