



St. George's Cathedral Catholic Primary School
Reception Termly Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn Term – Overview

Maths	In Reception, we will be learning a range of mathematical concepts that build on the children's existing knowledge and experiences. We will begin by exploring matching, sorting and comparing objects, helping us to make groups and talk about which groups have more or fewer items. We will also learn about measure and patterns, comparing the weight and length of different objects and creating repeating patterns using a variety of resources. As the term progresses, we will develop our understanding of number by representing numbers in different ways and practising subitising, which means recognising how many objects there are in a group without needing to count them one by one.
Literacy	This term we will be exploring books to support us with settling into Reception Class. Firstly, we will be focusing our learning around a book called 'Teddy goes to school'. This book enables us to discuss our feelings about starting school and to plan and prepare for Teddy's birthday. We will continue the term by focusing our learning around the following books 'This is me', 'So much', 'Little Red' and 'The Gruffalo'.
Physical, social and emotional development	Reception is an exciting time when we get to meet new friends and develop skills such as sharing and playing with others. This term we will begin to develop independence within our class and explore our environment by choosing activities and resources to use, with support from adults when needed. Building good relationships with others in Early Years is important therefore this will be a focus this term. We will be developing our routines such as washing our hands before we eat, and after using the toilet.
Phonics	We will learn Phase 2 phonics where we will be introduced to letters and their sounds. We will apply our phonic knowledge to reading different words and then making phonic attempts at writing them. We will have reading books to read at home linked to the sounds that we are learning in school.
Communication and Language	We will be learning new vocabulary through books, phonics sessions and activities set up in the classroom. We will be learning how to tell stories using toys in our classroom. To support our imaginative ideas we will begin Helicopter Stories, where we will create stories using our own ideas and then act them out with our friends.
Understanding the world	We will be talking about our families and the experiences we have had. We will act out our experiences in our home corner and roleplay area. We will talk about the people that are special to us and explain why. We will be learning outside in our EYFS playground where we have activities linked to our learning. We will make observations of the environment as the weather changes and will be talking about what we can see.
Expressive Art and Design	This term we will focus on the themes 'Junk Modelling' and 'Marvellous Marks'. We will explore a range of materials and tools, including scissors, paint brushes and different mark making materials such as felt tips, crayons and chalks. We will be learning how to plan and create artistic models. We will be encouraged to share our



	ideas about the resources we use and how we create our model. We will develop our motor skills and will learn to use tools safely exploring a variety of techniques and experimenting with colour, design, texture and form.
PE	Healthy Movers sessions: Throughout the year, we will take part in Healthy Movers sessions, which help to develop coordination, balance and core strength. These skills support the development of upper body strength and fine motor control, enabling children to use tools and mark-making materials effectively as they progress from making marks to forming letters. Fine motor skills: We will have daily handwriting sessions to help us learn how to form the letters of the alphabet correctly. This term, we will focus on writing lower-case letters, learning where to start each letter on the page, the correct direction to move the pencil, and how to hold a pencil comfortably and effectively.
RE	Our topic this term is 'Myself'. As part of this topic, we will explore the importance of our names and learn the names of our friends and teachers. We will discuss how knowing and using each other's names helps us to build relationships and show respect for one another. We will also learn that God knows and loves each one of us, and that every person is special and valued by Him.
Continent learning	Throughout the year we will be learning lots of facts and information about the Continent Antarctica. As children develop their learning throughout their school journey, they will learn about different Continents which enables all children to have a good knowledge of the world.

Homework	We will focus on the formation of the letters and numbers in the Autumn Term to develop our writing skills. We make lots of models in our junk modelling area, so please bring in any empty bottles, containers and boxes each week. Homework will be sent home on Wednesdays and is due back to school on Mondays. Reading is an essential part of learning therefore it is important that your child reads regularly at home and their reading record should be signed at least three times a week. When your child starts receiving books with words, focus on a few pages each time to prevent overload and practise reading the words together by sounding out and blending. Your child will receive a special box and a creative box once a half term to share during our Thursday show and tell sessions. More information will be sent about this soon.
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Activities to do with your child	-Read a variety of different books at home. -Encourage your child to make stories using their toys
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linked to their topic	-Encourage children to do their homework by independently forming the letters themselves, watch carefully and support them by practising when needed. -Explore using dough and other tools such as tweezers to pick up small objects, scissors to make snips and cuts into paper, threading different materials into tubes or small holes.
Dates:	15th September- Early years welcome meeting 18th September- Teddy's birthday party. Children will be invited to bring a Teddy to school on this day.