

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



Reception Autumn Term 2

Literacy

Our key focus in literacy will continue to be reading and writing initial sounds. From this we will teach the children how to blend sounds together to read simple words and how to segment sounds within words to support them in writing CVC words. We will achieve this through daily phonics lessons, mark making opportunities, reading sessions and literacy focused activities. We will continue to have name writing and letter formation practise every day and class story time at least twice a day.

Maths

In our Maths lessons this term, the children will continue to develop their counting skills to support them in understanding 'how many' objects they have altogether. We will compare groups of objects using the language 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'equal to'. The children will build on their understanding of composition by investigating 'parts', 'wholes' and the composition of 3, 4 and 5. We will continue to focus on a different number each week and learn counting songs to support our understanding of number.

Communication and Language

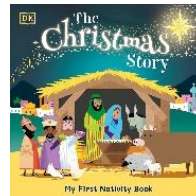
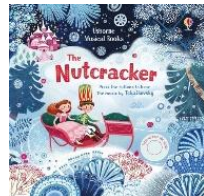
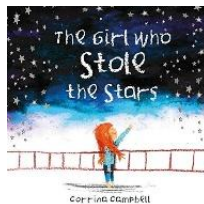
Our whole class carpet time, group activities and one to one sessions are designed to develop children's listening and attention, understanding and speaking. This term we will be focusing on recognise letters and their sounds, as taught in the order of the Read Write Inc Scheme we follow and we will be encouraging our children to speak in full sentences.

Religious Education

In Religious Education, the children will learn all about Advent and Christmas as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. We will encourage the children to respond in a variety of ways including verbally, through art and role play. Every day we will continue to practice making the sign of the cross and learn our school prayers. The children will participate in weekly class worship, Bible reading sessions and Godly play. We will also explore Judaism and learn about the celebration of Hanukkah.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

It is our main priority to develop and nurture our children's personal, social and emotional development. This term we will use our Ten Ten scheme to explore our topic of 'Created and Loved by God', to help the children develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships. During this half term we will also explore the importance of sleep. We will continue to work closely with parents to encourage the children to become increasingly more independent.



Understanding the World

Our topic this half term is 'Light and Dark'. Within this unit the children will enjoy learning about Diwali, Bonfire night, materials, shadows and light sources. We will explore what it means to have good hygiene and learn how to keep ourselves safe through the practice of handwashing. As we draw closer to Christmas, the children will participate in a range of activities to develop their understanding of the Christmas story.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our adult led craft activities will be focused around our topic of 'Light and Dark', Christmas and our literacy books. Our art area will continue to encourage our children to be independent in experimenting with different colours, materials and tools. Our role play area will be transformed into a post office and our home corner will be turned into a Christmas cottage. In our Music sessions we will continue to learn nursery rhymes and Christmas songs for our EYFS Christmas performance.

Physical Development

Our children will engage in daily activities such as chopping, cutting, painting, doing up zips to develop their fine motor skills and will have access to our climbing frame, bikes and scooters to develop their gross motor skills. Our theme this half term in PE is 'Mukti-skills'. Here we will work hard on developing our agility, throwing, catching and balancing skills.