

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



Nursery Autumn Term 2

Literacy

Our key focus in literacy will be learning to talk about settings in books linked to our topic of 'the sky is not the limit'. Some of our stories related to the sky will be; whatever next, how to catch a star, goodnight moon, day monkey night monkey and little owl and the star. We will continue to focus on joining in with songs and rhymes. We will be preparing for reading by listening to the beat and rhythm of words and sounds. Children will prepare for writing by recognising the initial sound in their name and we will continue to practise writing this letter.

Maths

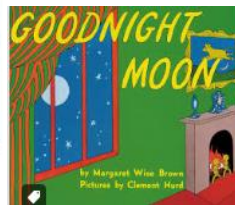
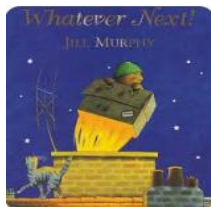
In our Maths lessons this term, the children will be introduced to number skills that they will need later on in life; they will understand about subitising (saying how many is in an amount without counting), count out a given amount from a larger group, recognise some numerals and be able to compare amounts by saying which is more and which is fewer. We will also be learning to recognise, describe and continue repeating patterns and learn about space and position. Children will develop these skills through number rhymes, adult focus activities, small group activities and in their play.

Physical Development

Our children will continue to develop their fine-motor skills through drawing, cutting, sticking, threading etc. We will develop our large-motor skills outside, by climbing, balancing, throwing, catching, building and using bikes.

RE

In RE, the children will learn the importance of waiting and will find out about Advent and Christmas as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. We will also learn about the faith of Judaism and some traditions of the celebration of Hanukkah. We will encourage the children to respond to prayer 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.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

It is our main priority to develop and nurture our children's personal, social and emotional development. Our weekly PSED lessons will be centred around the theme of 'Created and loved by God'. The children will develop their understanding of our school's SHINE values, explore responsibility and discuss how we can be kind to one another. We will also continue to explore our Nursery environment and ensure all children feel happy, confident and safe in our school. Children will be introduced to some of our Catholic Social Teaching characters, along with their Stories and songs.

Understanding the World

Our topic this half term is 'The sky is not the limit'. We will think about changes we see in the sky, different types of weather and think about how the sky changes between day and night. We will also think about different objects that we might see in the sky, such as the sun, the moon, planets, stars, fireworks and spaceships. Children will experiment with light and dark in the classroom as well as talking about how the days are becoming shorter and nights longer. 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 craft area is going to be very busy this term as we focus on making spaceships, firework crafts and decorations for Christmas celebrations. Our home corner will remain for children to act out being in the home and our shop will begin to take on a festive feel as we get closer to Christmas. In our Music sessions we will continue to learn nursery rhymes and focus on hearing the beat and rhythm within songs and rhymes. We will begin learning some Christmas songs for our Christmas performance.

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. The children love to share their news from home. Sending in pictures or a saw of what you have been up to at home really helps children to do that.