

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



Nursery Spring Term 1

Literacy

Our shared literacy books this half term are linked to our topic 'food'. We will be reading the fiction books 'The tiger who came to tea' 'the Gingerbread Man' 'Supertato' 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' 'Handa's Surprise' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We will use our books as the basis for Story dough and drawing club and to develop our writing skills. In our sounds sessions we will be looking at rhythm of words, breaking words into syllables and clapping, tapping or beating out the different syllables. We will also introduce children to the various rhymes associated with different letters as we seek to develop their pre-reading skills.

Understanding the World

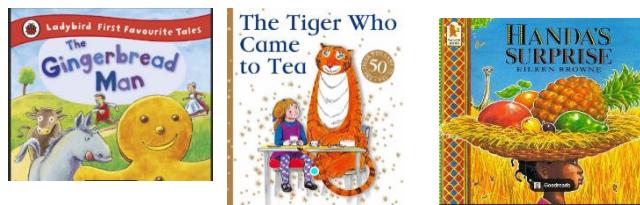
For our topic of 'food' we will be looking at where in the world different food comes from. We will conduct experiments with food for instance melting and freezing and observing what happens. Children will be given opportunities to try different foods and explore textures, tastes and smells of food.

Communication and Language

Our Nursery is set up to develop children's Communication and Language. Our labelled shelves allow children to access resources independently and according to their own interests and the different areas allow for children to communicate with friends. In addition, staff support children with topic-based language in the different areas to ensure that children's key knowledge and vocabulary on the subject of food is developed this term.

RE

In RE, the children will learn all about the local church, exploring the theme of 'Celebrating'. The children will talk about their own experiences and feelings about celebrations they have been part of, wonder why people celebrate and how they feel when they celebrate. They will recognise the story of Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the Temple. 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 practise making the sign of the cross and learn our school prayers. The children will participate in weekly whole school and class worships.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

It is our main priority to develop and nurture our children's personal, social and emotional development, ensuring the children develop independence at selecting and using resources and managing their own needs. Our weekly PSED lessons will focus on how we are created and loved by God and how God created all the animals in the planet.

Maths

In Maths, this half term the children will be developing their subitising and composition skills. We will be looking at numbers to five and learning how to subitise (say the amount without counting) and learning about the composition of numbers (how numbers are made up of smaller numbers). We will also be looking at where numbers sit on the number line, which number comes before and which number comes after. We will continue to explore patterns as well as looking at position and space.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our daily craft activities will focus on developing our fine-motor skills and drawing outlines of shapes to represent our ideas. We will create different food pictures and explore different media to create food pictures. We will continue to act out different stories such as 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'Handa's Surprise' using playdough, masks and small world characters.

Physical Development

Our children will continue to engage in daily activities such as cutting, threading and mark making to support their fine motor skills and will have access to our balancing equipment, bikes and scooters to develop their gross motor skills. Our theme in PE is around developing our 'Gross-Motor' skills. Outside children will continue to use the new balancing equipment and balance bikes.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a restful Christmas break! The children have settled beautifully back into school routine. We have another exciting term ahead as we begin the new year. Please continue to look out for information on our school Facebook page, Seesaw, school newsletter and School Gateway email platform.

Key information

We use See-Saw to communicate what your child has been up to and we would love for you to be able to communicate with us what your child is learning at home.

Bags – Children should bring a drawstring bag to school with spare clothes in, this is to be kept in school and returned to you if your child has been changed. They do not need a bag to bring things to and from school.

Water bottles - Please send your child to school with their own water bottle every day. Please do not fill your child's water bottles with juice, water only. We replenish the water throughout the day.

Uniform- Children should come to school in a St Catherine's jumper, a blue t-shirt and grey or black tracksuit bottoms or leggings. This not only supports children to manage their own needs but also enables them to use our outdoor climbing equipment outside.

Outdoor Learning- We will continue to use our outdoor area on a daily basis so please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing. We have a limited number of wellies and puddle suits at school which the children can use, however we find they prefer to have their own. We would love if you could provide your child with a pair of wellies and waterproof trousers (or puddle suit). Our equipment does retain the water and children's clothes do get wet while crawling on it.

We are available after school if you wish to discuss any issues or concerns. If you wish to arrange a more focussed appointment, please contact the school office.

Thank you

Mrs Craggs, Mrs Terpsiadou and Mrs Langlands.