



Nursery Spring Term 2022 Curriculum Summary for Parents

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to St Joseph's. We are looking forward to another successful term working with parents to support each child's learning. We hope to see you at our Stay and Read (Monday) and Stay and Play (Friday) mornings. Thank you for your continued support.

Religious Education

In RE our topics this term will be Celebrating, Gathering and Growing. Children will first be learning about the different ways we celebrate and gather together for The Eucharist. We will then go on to learn about Lent and how we prepare for Easter.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will be encouraged to become more independent, and will be practising taking turns and sharing with support. They will learn how to stay healthy, as well as strategies for regulating their emotions.

Communication and Language

Children will be learning to clearly express their news, desires, feelings and needs. They will be practising holding two-way conversations, answering why and how questions appropriately and using new vocabulary. They will be encouraged to use language in their imaginative role play and when retelling stories.

Physical Development

Children will be improving their fine motor skills by using a wider range of resources and tools such as tweezers, playdough equipment and cutting tools. They will also work on developing an effective mark-making grip. They will improve their gross motor skills in their weekly P.E lessons, and with our many outdoor physical activities. They will be developing control in many skills involving climbing, jumping, ball skills and movement. They will develop more independence in putting on clothes, shoes and aprons.

Literacy

In Phonics we will be focusing on Phase 1. This will include rhythm and rhyme, alliteration, voice sounds, oral blending and segmenting.

In Literacy children will be learning to re-tell and sequence the main events of a story. They will talk about the setting, main characters and what might happen next. They will be working on writing the letters of their name and an awareness of the purpose of print and writing in the environment and everyday life.

Mathematics

In Maths we will learn to bring 1, 2 or more objects to an adult, extend a simple ABABAB pattern, and experiment with ways of representing numbers with marks, symbols or numerals. We will then learn to identify the shapes of everyday objects, make comparisons between amounts, begin to understand '1 more', as well as strengthening counting and numeral recognition.

Understanding the World

Children will be learning to talk about environments and begin to notice changes. They will be developing an awareness of their community, family and life history; and will learn about animals and life cycles. They will go on to learn about plants and plant growth.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will be learning to use a variety of creative tools with increasing control. They will join different materials and explore texture. They will work on drawing identifiable pictures and talk about their creations.

This is a brief summary of what the children will be learning this term. Please continue to talk with your child about their learning at school and to read with them daily. We are happy to welcome parents/carers

into school if you would like to talk to your child's class about our new topics and learning. This can be arranged with the class teacher.