

# St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



## Nursery Spring Term 1

### Literacy

Our shared literacy books this half term are linked to our topic 'Winter'. We will be reading the fiction books 'The Snowball' by Sue Hendra 'A thing called Snow' by Yuval Zommer, 'The Big Freeze' By Pippa Kurnick and the nonfiction text 'The Story of Snow' by Jon Nelson. We will use our books as the bases for Story dough 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.

### 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 numberline, which number comes before and which number comes after.

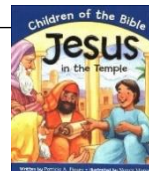
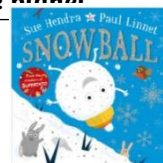
Our Nursery is set up to develop children's Communication and Language. Our labelled shelves allow children to access resources independently and according to their own interests and the different areas allow for children to communicate with friends. In addition to that staff are using the ShREC approach to engage with children and further develop their language skills.

### 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 practice making the sign of the cross and learn our school prayers. The children will participate

### 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



### Understanding the World

Our first topic this half term is 'Winter' we will be looking at why winter is cold, that it might snow, that ice cold and that ice can melt. We will also be looking at different habitats around the world so children understand that some places are always cold and some are always warm.

### Expressive Arts and Design

Our daily craft activities will focus on developing our fine-motor skills, drawing outlines of shapes to represent our ideas. We will create different winter pictures and explore different media to create winter pictures. We will continue to act out different stories such as 'Snowball' and 'Hello Winter' 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. Our theme in PE is around developing our 'Gross-Motor' skills, our sessions will be led by staff from NUFC Foundation. Outside children will continue to use the new balancing equipment and balance bikes to further develop their gross motor skills.