

# St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



## Reception Spring Term 1

### Literacy

Our shared literacy books this half term are linked to our topic 'Polar Explorers'. We will be reading the fiction book 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers and the nonfiction text 'Penguins' by National Geographic. Our focus will be to read and write CVC, CVCC and tricky red words. In our daily Read Write Inc sessions we will recap Set 1 sounds and introduce Set 1 'special friends' sounds. We will continue to have name writing and letter formation practise every day and class story time at least twice a

### Maths

In Maths this half term the children will continue to use subitising skills to explore and deeply understand the composition of numbers within 10, develop their knowledge of the counting sequence, compose and decompose numbers and compare sets of objects. We will also further develop our shape knowledge by continuing, copying and recreating patterns, composing and decomposing shapes and exploring how shapes can be made up of different shapes.

### Communication and Language

Our whole class carpet time, group activities and one to one sessions are designed to develop the children's listening and attention, understanding and speaking. This term we will be discussing key events in a story, answering questions and using present tense. We will continue to work on speaking in full sentences and encourage children to ask questions to find out more and check their understanding of what has been said to them.

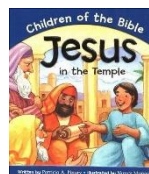
### RE

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. Our weekly PSED lessons will be centred around the theme of 'Going for Goals'. The children will set their own goals, understand the importance of making the right choices and discuss consequences of actions. During this half term we will also explore the



### Understanding the World

Our first topic this half term is 'Frozen Planet'. Here the children will explore polar animals, maps, famous explorers, winter and magnets. We will learn about recycling and the importance of taking care of our environment. Our second topic is 'Famous Geordies from the past'. Here the children will explore the history of our local area and learn about significant people and events within the North East.

### Expressive Arts and Design

Our daily adult led craft activities will be focused around our topic of 'Frozen Planet' and 'Famous Geordies of the past'. 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 church to link to our 'Local Church' unit. In our Music sessions the children will engage in musical activities that embed pulse, rhythm and pitch, explore voices and

### 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 'Parachute Games'. The children will develop their gross motor, team-building and language skills. We will also have weekly NUFC PE sessions centred around 'Multi-skills'.