

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



Early Years Autumn Term 1

Literacy

We will use the Read, Write Inc. phonics scheme to give the children a flying start in developing early reading and writing skills. We will use a range of Nursery Rhymes to label characters and How to Catch a Star to write/draw our own wishes.

Maths

To start this year, we will be developing our knowledge of the composition of numbers. We will be counting and learning in a multi-sensory way, for example lots of practical resources, songs, dance, outdoors and through art. We will begin combining objects and making comparisons. We will focus on subitising using number blocks to support this work. We will explore 2D shape and begin to use mathematical language to describe flat shapes.

Communication and Language

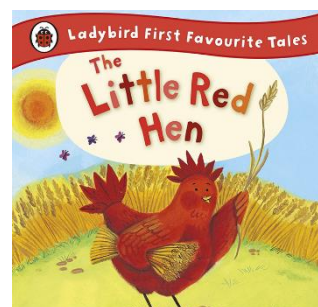
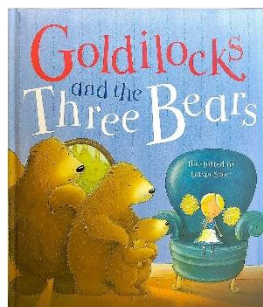
During this half term, we are developing listening and attention skills. We will do this through listening and responding to stories, nursery rhymes and during one to one conversations with an adult. Children will be encouraged to ask and answer 'what' questions.

RE

In our 'Domestic Church' topic the children will explore Being special; Having a special name; God loves me and knows my name; God loves everyone. We will focus on Our Big Question— Why am I precious? We will encourage the children to respond in a variety of ways including verbally, through art and role play.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will focus on new beginnings to Nursery and Reception. Making friends and how to maintain friendships, through kindness and sharing. We will share our interests and look at similarities and differences. We will discuss our class rules and learn why we need rules to create a harmonious and respectful environment.



Understanding the World

We begin by collecting a baby/toddler photo of each child and looking at how they have changed. We will ask parents/carers for early life information to help with this and enable us to explore our families and communities. We will explore body parts and look at each of 5 our senses. We will explore the life of Florence Nightingale and the difference she made to the lives of others. We will look at change in nature, plants, trees etc. during Autumn walks in our local area.

Expressive Arts and Design

We begin by creating a self portrait using paints, children will be taught how to mix colours to get the desired effect. We will develop drawing skills by creating a pencil drawing of a special person chosen by the child. We will focus on singing Nursery rhymes and songs using instruments to accompany our singing.

Physical Development

We will develop gross and fine motor skills in our outdoor environment by encouraging climbing, riding bikes and using scooters. In our PE sessions with NUFC we will develop our spacial awareness and stamina. Through activities such as dough disco we will develop strength in hands and fingers to prepare the children for writing. Children will be taught how to use a comfortable tripod grip when writing and drawing. We will use a variety of resources to encourage letter formation such as cotton buds and paintbrushes.