

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



Reception Autumn Term 2

Literacy

Our key focus in literacy will continue to be reading and writing initial sounds. From this we will teach the children how to blend sounds together to read simple words and how to segment sounds within words to support them in writing CVC words. We will achieve this through daily phonics lessons, mark making opportunities, one to one reading sessions and literacy focused activities. We will continue to have name writing and letter formation practise every day and class story time at least twice a day. Our focus books are 'How to catch a Star' by Oliver

Maths

In our Maths lessons this half term, the children will continue to develop their counting skills to support them in understanding 'how many' objects they have altogether. We will compare groups of objects using the language 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'equal to'. The children will build on their understanding of composition by investigating 'parts', 'wholes' and the composition of 3, 4 and 5. We will continue to focus on a different number each week and learn counting songs to support our understanding of

Communication and Language

Our teaching sessions are designed to develop children's listening and attention, understanding and speaking. We will be focusing on recognise letters and their sounds, as taught in the order of the Read Write Inc Scheme we follow and we will be encouraging our children to speak in full

RE

In RE, the children will learn the importance of Baptism in welcoming a person into God's family. We will then learn all about advent and Christmas as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. 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 in weekly worships and hymn practice sessions.

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 'Getting on and Falling out'. The children will develop their understanding of school rules and values, explore responsibility and discuss how we can be kind to one another. During this half term we

Understanding the World

Our topic this half term is 'Light and Dark'. Within this unit the children will enjoy learning about Diwali, Bonfire night, materials and space. We will also be looking at where Newcastle is in the world. The children will use maps to explore their local area to develop their understanding of location. As we draw closer to Christmas the children will participate in a range of activities to develop their understanding of the Christmas story.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our daily adult led craft activities will be focused around our topic of 'Light and Dark', Christmas and our literacy books. 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 post office and our home corner will be turned into a Christmas cottage. In our Music sessions we will continue to learn nursery rhymes and Christmas songs for our EYFS Nativity.

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 bikes and scooters to develop their gross motor skills. In our PE sessions we will continue to perform a single skill or movement with control, for example, finding a space, walking, running, travelling on hands and feet, hopping, skipping and jumping. We will also be discussing why exercise is important for good health.

