

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



EYFS Autumn Term 2

Communication and Language

During this half term, children will join in with repeated refrains in stories. They will also be encouraged to retell stories, including Rosie's Walk, Owl Babies, Pigs might Fly and Jolly Christmas Postman. Through one to one discussions the children will talk about experiences that are familiar to them. They will develop their ability to follow instructions.

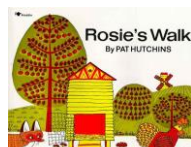
Understanding the World, We will look at day and night, discussing planets, stars etc. Share our experiences of fireworks; we will talk about keeping safe on Bonfire Night. Firefighters from Byker Station will visit us with a fire engine. Making shadows with bodies and hands, animals puppets- guess the animal, children make their own shadow puppets, use coloured paddles. Simon Says with torches I.e. Simon says shine your torches at the door. (Very dark room) Lots of large boxes, den making kit and torches for independent investigation. Interactive science area with torches reflective materials, mirrors, prism etc. Put out a thick blanket and encourage children to crawl under it and describe what they can see and hear. We will learn about Nocturnal animals.

Religious Education

We will explore Baptism, encouraging the children to share their knowledge. We will use video clips then develop our learning through role play. The children will continue to make the sign of the cross at prayer times. We will begin our Advent topic through developing our knowledge of birthdays. We will also be learning about the preparations we make during Advent and the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will focus 'Zones of Regulation' to help children recognise different emotions they may be experiencing. And discuss what it feels like to be happy, frustrated etc. Children will be encouraged to manage their own personal hygiene needs i.e. using the snuffle station. Discuss how children feel in the dark. Discuss giving gifts, and how it feels to give and receive presents.



Literacy

We will use the Read, Write Inc. phonics scheme to develop early reading and writing skills. We will use Rosie's Walk and Pigs Might Fly to sequence stories and add our own speech bubbles. We will ask lots of questions and encourage the children to ask and answer 'who' questions.

Maths

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 continue combining objects and making comparisons. We will focus on subitising using number blocks to support this work. We will explore 3D shape through building both indoors and outdoors and begin to use mathematical language to describe them.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will Learn some Nativity songs. Make wrapping paper developing our printing techniques. We will investigate different ways to affix things i.e. glue, tape when making Christmas cards, decorations etc. Collage- use a range of wood shavings, cork, leaves, dark coloured paper for night time and woodland scenes. Mix washing up liquid with paint and use large brushes to paint on foil or other shiny surfaces. Paint both outdoors and indoors.

Physical Development

We will develop gross and fine motor skills outdoors by climbing, building, riding bikes and using scooters. In our PE sessions with NUFC we will develop different ways of moving, change of speed and directions and throwing, catching and kicking. We will use scissors to develop our fine motor skills and chopping with a knife during our cooking sessions. We will also use a range of resources such as shaving foam, paints, gloop and play doh to develop these skills too. The children will be encouraged to use zips and buttons to fasten their coats.

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