

St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Nursery Parent Information for Autumn Term 1

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Children will be working together to follow and stick to our school rules.
- We will be encouraging the children to explore their new setting and try new things to build their confidence.
- Children will be practising taking turns and sharing skills - important for making new friends.
- We will provide the children with lots of opportunities to think and talk about what makes them unique.

Mathematics

- Selects a small number of objects from a group when asked
- Recites number names in sequence
- Creates and experiments with symbols and marks representing ideas of number
- Knows that a group of things changes in quantity when something is added or taken away.

Expressive Art and Design

- Exploring music and dance linked to nursery rhymes
- Explores and learns how sounds can be changed.
- Exploring different ways of mark making, using a range of media such as paint, chalk and feathers.
- Explores and learns how colours can be changed.
- Realises tools can be used for a purpose
- Builds stories around toys, e.g. using doctors equipment to create a narrative.

RE - "Myself"

- Children will know that God loves them and knows each one of them by their names
- Children will learn the importance of their own name
- We will talk about why we are precious to God.

This half term is all about settling in to their new school, exploring their new setting and making secure relationships with friends and adults.

Physical Development

- We will be working hard to develop our fine and gross motor skills, which will enable us to hold a pencil and begin to make marks..
- Children will be learning about the importance of hygiene, particularly through washing our hands and brushing our teeth.
- We will explore our hall and outdoor area, strengthening our muscles through climbing, swinging, balancing and parachute games.

Opportunities for Family Involvement

- Following @StPatsFS on Twitter and visiting the school website to see and comment on our activities.
- Give consent for Tapestry updates and you'll receive notifications about your child's learning.
- Look out for news on a parent meeting regarding your child's Phonics learning.

Phonics - Letters and Sounds

- Children will be focusing on and exploring instrumental and environmental sounds, through musical instruments and sound walks.
- We will explore body percussion, rhythm and rhyme and alliteration through songs, music and stories
- We will explore vocal sounds which will enable us to orally "chop up" words and segment them - all of which will help us become super readers!

Communication and Language

- Children will practise listening in lots of different situations such as story-time, talking as part of a group and Collective Worship.
- Children will be encouraged to communicate with their friends and staff in appropriate ways they are comfortable with, such as a smile, wave or greeting when being registered.
- They will be encouraged to communicate their needs with staff.

Literacy

- We will be learning lots of nursery rhymes this term, such as Hickory Dickory Dock, Five Little Ducks and Humpty Dumpty
- The focus of this will be rhythm and rhyme, which will coincide with developing our Phonics knowledge and enable the children to join in with familiar rhymes and develop their vocabulary.
- We will read lots of stories together, providing the children with opportunities to re-enact the story in the role-play area or create their own version.

Understanding the World

- Making healthy snacks in the kitchen.
- Talking about and taking care of plants and animals in our environment.
- Exploring changes in our environment
- Looking after our environment by tidying things away
- Talking/Singing about the weather daily.

Safer Messages and Healthy Messages

- Keeping safe with unfamiliar people and places
- Talking to a familiar adult if you need help
- Learning the PANTS rule