

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

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Children will be working together to begin to understand and follow our school rules.
- We will help the children feel secure as they explore their new setting and try new things to build their confidence.
- Children will be practising taking turns and sharing skills that will support them in building relationships and establishing new friendships.
- We will provide the children with lots of opportunities to think and talk about what makes them unique and special.

Mathematics

- We will practice selecting a small number of objects e.g. "two pens."
- We will enjoy counting songs and activities.
- Children will create and experiment with symbols and marks relating to numbers
- Children will learn that a group of things changes in quantity when something is added or taken away.
- We will explore simple language relating to time.
- Children will play with and explore shapes.

Expressive Art and Design

- We will enjoy music and dance linked to nursery rhymes and other familiar songs and music.
- Children will explore how musical instruments sound, and other ways we can make sounds.
- We will find different ways to make marks, using a range of media such as paint, chalk and feathers.
- Children will explore a variety of construction materials.
- Children will enjoy lots of opportunities for imaginative play and role-play.

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 understanding how and when to wash our hands, and communicating their toileting needs.
- We will explore our outdoor areas, strengthening our muscles using tools, 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 parent meetings.

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 that will enable us to orally "chop up" words and segment them - all of which will help us become super readers!
- You will receive more details on Phase 1 phonics.

Communication and Language

- Children will develop listening skills 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 supported in learning new words and encouraged to communicate their needs.

Literacy

- Children will be learning lots of nursery rhymes this term, such as The wheels on the bus, Hickory Dickory Dock and Five Little Ducks.
- 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. We will be starting with the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.
- We will learn how to handle books carefully.
- We will be doing lots of mark-making, indoors and outside, and talking about the things we draw and write.

Understanding the World

- We will learn about and share healthy snacks.
- Children will explore small world and role-play, and learn about similarities and differences.
- Children will investigate features of our environment.
- We will be learning how to use electronic toys and equipment safely.
- We will talk and sing about the daily weather.

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.
- Learning how and when to wash our hands.