

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Nursery parent information for Autumn Term 1

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Children will be practising sharing and turn-taking skills - important for making new friends.
- 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.
- We will give the children lots of opportunities to think and talk about what makes them unique and how to manage their emotions.

Mathematics

- Children will be enjoying finger rhymes with numbers and counting activities.
- We will enjoy sorting objects and noticing patterns.
- Children will be comparing different amounts, using the words 'lots', 'more' and 'same'.
- We will be comparing different sizes and lengths.
- We will explore simple language related to time using our daily routine.
- Children will play with and explore shapes.

Expressive Arts 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 find other ways that 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.

Safer messages and healthy messages

- Keeping safe with unfamiliar people and places.
- Talking to a familiar adult if you need help
- Exploring what to do if something worries you.
- Learning the PANTS rule.
- Learning how and when to wash our hands.

This half term is all about settling in to our school, making secure relationships with staff and new friends.

Physical Development

- We will be working hard to develop our gross motor skills and our fine motor skills which will enable us to hold a pencil and begin to make marks.
- Children will explore our outdoor areas, strengthening their muscles using tools, climbing, swinging, balancing and through playing parachute games.
- Children will be learning about the importance of hygiene, particularly through understanding how and when to wash their hands, communicating their toileting needs and learning about the importance of dental hygiene.

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.

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.
- Vocabulary is at the heart of everything we do and they will be supported in learning new words using visuals and encouraged to communicate their needs.

Literacy

- Children will be learning lots of nursery rhymes this term, such as 'The Wheels on the Bus', 'Five Little Ducks' and 'Hickory Dickory Dock'.
- 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' and then going on to 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?'
- We will learn how to handle books carefully.
- We will be doing lots of mark-making indoors and outdoors 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 pretend play and learn about similarities and differences.
- Children will use all their senses to explore and investigate natural materials in our environment.
- We will be learning how to use electronic toys and equipment safely.
- We will talk and sing about the daily weather.

RE: Our topic is "Myself"

- Children will know that God loves them and knows each of them by their names.
- Children will learn the importance of their own name.
- They will think about why they are so precious and how they know that God loves them.