

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

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Children will be reinforcing sharing and turn-taking skills.
- Children will be working together to understand and follow our school rules.
- We will give the children lots of opportunities to think and talk about what makes them unique and how to manage their emotions.
- Children will develop independence by having jobs at snack time.

Mathematics

- Children will be learning to say the number as they touch what they are counting.
- We will enjoy learning how to make numbers 1-5 practically.
- We will use the words 'more than' and 'fewer' to compare groups of objects.
- We will be comparing objects that have different weights.
- We will use our visual timetable to anticipate times of day.

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, with a particular focus on mixing colours.
- Children will explore a variety of construction materials.
- Children will enjoy lots of opportunities for imaginative play and role-play linked to celebrations.

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 back into our school and will have a Winter theme!

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 different ways of moving, including running, skipping and jumping.
- Children will develop physical skills such as balancing and throwing and catching.
- Children will be learning about the importance of eating healthy foods.

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 small groups and will be supported in taking turns to speak.
- 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 singing familiar and unfamiliar nursery rhymes.
- 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 'Little Red Riding Hood' and then going on to 'Lost and Found'.
- 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 talk and sing about the daily weather and focus on the season Winter.
- Children will explore small world and pretend play and learn about similarities and differences.
- Children will sort and describe materials.
- We will be learning about Ipads and how we can use them safely and to take photos.
- We will have fun learning about melting and freezing.

RE: Our topic is "Celebrate"

- Children will talk about their own experiences of celebrations and think about why people celebrate.
- Children will learn some new words used in Church celebrations and will recognise that the church family celebrate in particular ways.