

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

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Children will be encouraged to develop their independence with handwashing, putting their coats on and tidying up.
- We will be working together to understand and follow our school rules.
- Children will be encouraged to use their manners, particularly at snack time.
- Children will continue to talk about be encouraged to talk about their emotions.

### Mathematics

- Children will talk about the position of different objects.
- We will continue to practice saying the number as we point to each object and will use rhymes to show our finger numbers to 5.
- Children will be learning to recognise and use numbers to 5 in different ways.
- We will compare different quantities of things and will use the language of more than / fewer than and the same.
- Children will continue to learn about 2D and 3D shapes and their properties and will begin to create simple patterns.

### 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, including making Easter cards.
- Children will explore a variety of construction materials, with a particular focus on junk modelling.
- Children will enjoy lots of opportunities for imaginative play and role-play linked to our new fruit and veg shop.

### 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.
- Becoming independent with washing our hands.
- Telling someone if you don't like something or don't want to do something.

This half term will have a Spring theme and we will learn lots about growing and changing!

### 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 and how to negotiate space.
- Children will develop physical skills such as balancing, using a ball and climbing.
- Children will be learning about the importance of eating healthy foods.
- We will also begin to develop our scissor skills and how to carry them safely.

### 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 continue to develop listening skills in lots of different situations such as story-time, talking as part of a group and Collective Worship.
- At snack times, children will be encouraged to ask politely for things and to ask and answer different questions.
- 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.
- In play, children will be encouraged to develop storylines, focusing on ones they are familiar with.

### 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 'Rosie's Walk', then going on to 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and finishing with 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.
- 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 of Spring.
- We will be learning about Ipads and how we can use them safely and to take photos.
- Children will have the experience of planting seeds and will help to clear the garden.
- We will have fun making fruit salad.
- We will learn more about the lifecycle of a butterfly while looking after some new special friends in Nursery...

### RE: Our topic is "Growing"

- Children will talk about their own experiences of growing and begin to talk about how they feel about 'growing'.
- Children will learn about Spring as a time when things grow.
- Children will recognise that the stories of Good Friday and Easter Sunday are religious stories.
- Children will begin to recognise some religious symbols such as the cross.