

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

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Children will learn to care for and be gentle with living creatures.
- We will be encouraging each other to try new things and to not give up even when things are difficult!
- We will learn about how we are similar and different from our friends, and how our butterflies are too.
- We will talk lots about how we feel and think about how our friends might be feeling.
- We will continue to use our manners all through the day.

Mathematics

- Children will talk about the position of objects and learn more about direction with the help of our friends the BeeBot!
- We will continue to practice saying the number as we point to each object and recognise that the last number said is the total counted so far.
- Children will be learning to separate groups of objects in different ways.
- We will have fun learning about shapes, and how we can combine them to make new shapes. We will also make patterns, using colours and actions.
- We will measure lots of things through our play and compare different lengths and heights.

Expressive Arts and Design

- We will enjoy music and dance linked to nursery rhymes and other familiar songs and music.
- We will explore dance linked to butterflies and the Holy Spirit.
- We will explore different ways of mark making, including designing outdoor art with natural materials.
- Children will do observational drawings of our plants, the ducklings and the caterpillars.
- Children will enjoy lots of opportunities for imaginative play and role-play linked to our vets!

Safer messages and healthy messages

- We will learn about what we need and what animals need to stay healthy, including the importance of brushing our teeth.
- Children will begin to find solutions to conflicts, negotiate and compromise.
- We will continue to learn about how to stay safe online.

This half term we will continue to learn about growing and changing from our very exciting new additions – caterpillars and ducklings!

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 to make marks.
- Children will explore different ways of moving, including skipping, hopping and rolling and how to negotiate space.
- Children will continue to develop their balancing, jumping, climbing and ball skills.
- We will continue to develop our scissor skills and how to carry them safely.
- Children will begin to learn sequences of movement when moving to music.

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 listening to longer stories, 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 familiar storylines, and we will encourage their use of correct tenses, when communicating, linked to changes over time.

Literacy

- Children will be singing a variety of rhymes daily.
- 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 'The Ugly Duckling, then going on to 'Supertato'.
- We will continue to learn about how books are precious, and what we call the different parts of the book.
- We will continue to do 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 Summer.
- Children will have the experience of caring for living things when our ducklings and caterpillars arrive and will continue to care for the plants in our garden.
- We will have fun making potato salad.
- We will learn more about the lifecycle of a butterfly while looking after some new special friends in Nursery...

RE: Our topic is "Good News"

- Children will share Good News and will begin to talk about how they feel when they have good news to share.
- Children will learn about the story of Pentecost and will begin to recognise that Christians go to church to celebrate the Good News.
- We will talk about how the friends of Jesus felt about the Good News and create a dance to share the happiness.