

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Reception Parent Information for Summer Term

This term we will be focusing on preparing ourselves for Year 1 and building our stamina for lots of learning!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Children will be continuing to follow our Golden Rules and PANTS rule.
- We will also be giving the children more responsibilities to help look after and maintain our areas in provision, such as weekly jobs at snack time and checking specific areas are tidy, etc.
- Children will also be talking about how we can be safe when using devices, who to tell if they have any worries and what to do when you are lost.
- We will also be building confidence and resilience.

Mathematics

- We will be looking at comparison, composition, cardinality and subitising numbers beyond 10.
- We will also be measuring objects and using language related to weight, size, direction and position.
- We will be using language relating to time, e.g. times of day and sequencing of events.
- We will be working more on number formation and progressing onto writing and reading number sentences
- We will also be dividing through sharing and exploring simple fractions through shapes..

Expressive Arts and Design

- We will be exploring what happens when colours are mixed using a variety of materials and media, such as paint and food colouring.
- We will be using small world objects and role play to retell the story of *The Storm Whale* and make our own versions.
- Children will also have the opportunity to create their own roles and characters through open-ended dress up.

Safer messages and healthy messages

- Keeping safe with unfamiliar people and places.
- Exploring what to do if something worries you.
- Learning the PANTS rule.

Physical Development

- Learning the importance of hand washing and keeping ourselves safe
- Learning more about hygiene in the garden and the kitchen, and developing independence in self-care.
- Finding out more about healthy eating, especially linked to using foods we have grown ourselves.
- Developing our fine and gross motor skills.
- Balancing on big outside equipment.

Opportunities for Family Involvement

- Following and commenting on our activities on the school website and Twitter (@StPatsFS).
- Give consent for Tapestry updates and you'll receive notifications about your child's learning.

Phonics – Read Write Inc.

- We will be continuing to use our phonics knowledge to read and write phonetically decodable words.
- Some groups will be extending their writing to captions and short sentences.
- We will be working hard on letter formation and blending and segmenting orally to write. We will be using 'Fred fingers', 'Fred in our head' and 'Fred Talk'!

Communication and Language

- Children will be practising listening in lots of new situations: assemblies, longer stories, instructions and lessons.
- They will be focusing on listening and responding in full sentences rather than one word answers.
- We will also be developing our language relating to feelings, time, position and direction, as well as answering questions.
- Children will use opportunities like snack time to offer snack to their friends, to use their manners and to have conversations with friends and teachers.

Literacy

- We will be reading and exploring *The Storm Whale*
- The focus of our lessons this term will be developing and understanding of plot, characters and story structure as well as developing our vocabulary.
- The children will have lots of opportunities to invent their own versions of the stories, time to act them out during their play and opportunities to create artwork based on the tales.

Understanding the World

- Children will be observing and talking about seasonal changes
- Children will be using our kitchen to cook yummy foods and talk about being safe, hygienic and making healthy food choices.
- We will be beginning to use the ICT suite to use simple programmes, such as 3D Paint and Purple Mash.
- We will be talking about growth and change by continuing to look after and care for our vegetable garden.

RE: Our topics will be Our World and Islam

- We will be finishing our topic of Pentecost and talking about the Holy Spirit.
- Children will talk about about CAFOD and how we can look after Our World
- During Islam Week, we will be exploring things that are sacred and special, such as prayer mats and the Qur'an.