

Communication and language

Children will be encouraged to develop their language through talk, where possible using full sentences and past and present tense. Reading lots of core books associated with our topics will enable children to expand their vocabulary.

We will be exploring our senses and using lots of different adjectives to describe how things feel, smell and taste.

We will talk about our own emotions especially as starting Nursery and Reception is such a huge step! Children will be encouraged to listen carefully and respond to opinions and ideas expressed by others.

Literacy

Our book focus is ***All Are Welcome*** which follows different children through their day where 'everyone is welcome'. In October, to celebrate Black History Month, our focus books are ***So Much*** and ***Anansi***.

Children will give meaning to marks made, hearing and saying initial sounds in words. We will introduce Phase 2 phonics sounds (SATPIN) within the Autumn term.

Guided reading sessions will take place to encourage our Reception children to blend sounds together in order to read.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will use lots of natural objects found to create our own pictures. Children will be encouraged to join in with dancing, song and movement to express their feelings.

Children will engage in drama and re-in-act stories such as the Christmas Nativity.

There will be cooking opportunities to make hedgehog bread rolls and biscuit decorating.

Nursery/Reception Autumn Term

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We will focus on God's wonderful world, sharing our thoughts and ideas about the different things in our world. We will explore how God created the world and how we can care for it. We will talk about what makes us special. We will focus on our Holy Family and events such as Angel Gabriel's visit to Mary, the birth of Jesus and how we celebrate Christmas.



Physical Development

We will be learning about our bodies, how we can use them to move differently, and the impact that movement and exercise has on our bodies.

Children will be encouraged to recognise and write the letters in their name. They will be supported to develop their key fine motor skills using different implements, such as scissors, tweezers, paint brushes, pencils and pens.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will be supported to settle into school life, establishing class rules and routines. We will explore the St Winifred's Way; looking at ways to be ready, respectful and safe.

Children will be supported to make new friendships, share and take turns with their peers. Children will explore their emotions and begin to respond to the feelings and wishes of others as well as themselves. Children will be encouraged to gain confidence when speaking in small groups or within the whole class about family traditions and celebrations.

Mathematics

Nursery children will begin to recite numbers in order 1-5 and 1-10 through songs and rhymes. They will count sets of objects giving one number name to each object.

Reception children will begin to recognise numerals to 5, counting objects to 10 and beyond.

Both will begin to subitise small amounts (without the need to count) as well as count sounds, movements, steps and claps. They will match, sort and compare objects using the mathematical language *more* or *less than*.

Understanding of the World

Children will look closely at similarities and differences, patterns and change in relation to Autumn. They will explore the world around them, making observations. We will look at the human lifecycle and observe different stages of growth.

Different customs and cultures will be introduced through stories and information books and children will contribute to discussions about celebrating different festivals.