St John's Catholic Primary School

Term 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Nursery

Welcome to Term 1

Welcome to our new Nursery children.

This term the topic is Marvellous Me.

We will be settling in the children into their new environment and routines. We ask that you support us by encouraging your child's independence in entering the classroom each morning. Encourage them to remove their own coat, and put their lunch boxes and water bottles away. We will support them if they require help.

Please make sure every item of your child's clothing has their name written inside, also on their lunch boxes and water bottles.

Mrs Brennan, Mrs D-Souza, Mrs Cable, Mrs Elazab, Miss Friday & Miss Tuitt

The Nursery Team

<u>What are we learning?</u>

Key Areas:

English key texts:

- Incredible You
- Around the table that grandad built
- You're Safe with Me.

Mark Making:

This term the children will be practising their mark making skills. We will start by focusing on lots of gross motor movements using dance and exercise as well as making large movements with chalks and paints in the outside area.

Phonics:

In Phonics, children will practice their listening skills, we will be going on listening walks and will be listening to different sounds in and around our environment. We will be singing Nursery rhymes every day to start us off on our Little Wandle phonics programme.

Maths:

This term children will be focussing on singing Number Rhymes with the children. We will also begin to look at identifying some familiar numbers and how to represent them using our fingers during our daily Number songs.



Home skills

Reading:

Your child will be exposed to all sorts of stories during their time at Nursery, where we will focus on story telling and the structure of the story. We have daily story time and a range of stories that they can access independently.

This term we are working on some key skills in Nursery. You can support your child at home by practising these.

- Putting on their coat independently.
- Begin to recognise their name their name.
- Developing turn taking skills, encouraging children to wait patiently for their turn.

What are we learning about across the Curriculum?

Communication and Language:

We will be focussing on developing children's confidence and expose them to a wider range of vocabulary through various games and within their play. We encourage them to speak with both adults and peers

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

Our main aim is to get your child settled and feeling confident in Nursery. We will be encouraging them to be able to verbalise their own needs and wants.

Physical Development:

We will be exploring how we use our bodies to move in various ways and developing our gross and fine motor skills within our indoor and outdoor environments

Understanding the World:

We will be focussing on looking at similarities and differences between ourselves and others. Your child may come home and say they played all day, however playing is their way of exploring their environment and learning new things. Playing is learning!

Expressive arts and design:

Within the classroom, we will be using a variety of media and materials to encourage children to be creative. Whilst we will do our best to protect their clothes, they may get messy.

RE:

This term the children will be learning the school values and our school prayers. They will also learn about the Creation Story.