**Nursery Class** 

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**Autumn 2 Curriculum Letter** 



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13/11/23 Odd Socks Day – Celebrating Anti Bullying Week

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19/12/23 Christmas Party (children can come dressed in their party clothes)

### Updates

Welcome back! We had an amazing first half-term together and the children settled into their new environment fantastically, making special friendship bonds and enjoying learning together.

We are all looking forward to another exciting half-term, beginning a new topic of learning 'Colours of the World'. This is explained further down in the newsletter. The second part of this half- term will focus on the true meaning of Christmas and the many Celebrations that we have in our Nursery and around the world.

Please do keep looking out for the daily updates on the 'Our Learning Journey' board to see your children learning through play.

Thank You - Miss Bates and the Nursery Team

# How can you help your child?

### Self-Registration

This half-term we will begin Self Registration. The children's names will be on the white board when they enter the Nursery each morning. Once your child has hung up their coat and bag, please encourage them to find their name and post it in the Self Registration box. This is to enable them to begin to recognise their names.

### Homework

Weekly homework will focus on the phonics (sounds) that the children will be learning in their phonics sessions. There is a section in the homework book explaining how to do this. Each week you will be given the sound of the week with some pictures to practice with your child at home. Learning each sound in turn will enable ease in hearing the new sound and eventually beginning to read and blend sounds together.

Please also continue to read with your child, igniting a love of reading and take advantage of our lending library situated outside the Nursery door.

# Our Learning

# Main Topic: Colours of the World and Christmas

The topic 'Colours of the World' supports children to develop their love of stories and reading, with activities based on the story of the week. These activities support learning across the 7 areas of the EYFS, and will include weekly sessions around weather, seasons and exploring natural habitats such as; the Ocean and animals camouflaging into their surroundings through colour. We will then move onto learning about the true meaning of Christmas and particularly how it is celebrated within our Catholic faith, whilst also exploring how Christmas is celebrated around the world. If you would like to contribute to the children's learning by sharing with them how Christmas is celebrated in different countries, this would be very much appreciated. You may like to give a talk in Nursery or show different objects that they may not have seen before, such as decorations, if you are interested, please let me know.

## RE

The children will be learning about other religious celebrations during this time of year such as Diwali and Hannukah. Advent begins in the first week of December where learning will be based on appreciating the love that we have in our lives and celebrating the gift of Jesus through the Nativity Story.

## Maths

We follow the 'Master the Curriculum' scheme which is aligned with the White Rose Maths framework the rest of the school uses. This half term, we will be focussing on the numbers 1 and 2 and pattern. We will be encouraging children to recognise, represent, compose and compare the numbers 1 and 2. They will be creating and extending patterns and noticing when there is an error in a pattern.

### Phonics

We follow the 'Little Wandle' scheme and will be focussing on 'Foundations for Phonics: Tuning into sounds.' A new sound will be introduced each week and we follow the rule of S-A-T-P-I-N, these are the first six phonics that we introduce as they yield the most words and have 2 continuous sounds to get children started. Continuous sounds are sounds that can be made for multiple seconds. Such as, 'sssss' for /s/ and 'nnn' for /n/.

# Reminders

Unfortunately, some items of clothing become mislaid within Nursery. To help us to find these items easier please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled. A handy tip for school coats is to place a small keyring on the zipper of the coat to ensure your child has the correct coat.

If your child has borrowed any items of clothing from Nursery, please ensure that these are washed and returned to Nursery. If your child is absent from Nursery, please notify the school office on each day of the absence and ensure that you put the reason for absence in writing for our office records