



St. Anne's Catholic Primary School



Welcome to Reception!

Dear Parents, carers and children,

We would like to warmly welcome you and your families to Reception! We are super excited to welcome your children into our school and have the opportunity to grow and succeed in Reception. We have lots of exciting and engaging activities and opportunities planned for your children throughout the year, that we hope they will be fully immersed in. We know how important this first year is, in developing your child's personal, social and emotional development alongside many other areas of learning.

We are immensely excited about sharing this special year with you and your families and to continue growing, learning and developing together in partnership.

During our time together we will support you, and encourage the children to reach their goals and potential as well as challenging them to enable them to become resilient young people.

Miss Whiteside and Mrs Litherland

Reception Curriculum Themes

Autumn Term

The term will begin with our theme '**Creation and Covenant**'. This is a topic based on children developing an understanding of themselves as unique individuals that God made and fostering and nurturing our own and others feelings and emotions. The children will explore God's beautiful creation and creatures in our world alongside all the people around us that help us every day.

During our '**Prophecy and Promise**' topic, the children learn all about the importance of travelling in different ways, waiting in anticipation for things and the story of the birth of Jesus.

Spring Term

During the Spring Term the children eagerly learn lots of exciting, new things about different explorers around the world during our '**Galilee to Jerusalem**' topic. The children will even undertake their own adventures around the world with Brunel Bear.

Spring 2 is time to learn about '**Desert to Garden**'. We will be learning about growing and the lifecycles of chicks and other animals, and using our knowledge to create information texts. We will also be exploring the topic of dinosaurs and fossils and looking at past and present.



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Summer Term

The Summer Term theme will allow children to explore '*To the Ends of the Earth*' by immersing themselves in a true outer space experience. The focus for reading and writing will be all about Space and we will explore the Astronauts Mae Jemison and Neil Armstrong. Through this topic we will be learning about the weather and some different properties of materials.

The topic for the second half of the Summer Term is '*Dialogue and Encounter*'. We will be exploring other religions and ways of living as well as our own, looking closely at our school environment and looking after our environment through recycling.

Reception PE

Reception will have P.E. days on a Wednesday and a Thursday.

We would like the children to come *in to school* in their full school PE kit on these days, with their school jumper/ cardigan over the top to keep them warm during the school day. Trainers or black pumps should also be worn with the PE kit.

Even though children will be coming into school in their P.E. kits, we ask that you still practice getting changed and unchanged at home, fastening and unfastening buttons and zips etc. Children will need to be able to put on their own waterproofs when they go into our outdoor area.



The children will be set homework on Class Charts each week on a Tuesday.

- Reading (1 book per week) which can be read every night and the key questions asked.
- Phonics game to be completed (Bug Club)
- Listening to the tricky word song (youtube)
- Maths activities (Maths Shed)

In addition to this, we ask that you practice letter formation and name writing at home.

There are lots of fun ways that you can do this.



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Equipment for Reception

School uniform, book bags and coats should all be clearly labelled please!

School book bags should be used, due to limited space in the cloakrooms (No big rucksacks).

Small colouring books for wet play are welcomed.

Waterproofs and labelled wellies to be kept in school.

Please send in water bottles every day. No Juice!



Communication

It is extremely important for the staff, parents and pupils to build up a partnership in September. There will be posts on our school Twitter feed as well as our Class Timeline display, as we love to show you the wonderful things that the children are doing.

We will also provide half termly Knowledge Organisers and emails for important reminders.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us through the school office. We really care greatly about your child and appreciate your continued support.

With many thanks,

The Reception team

Miss Whiteside, Mrs Litherland, Mrs Scott and Mrs Carter

