

Spring 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School Nursery! We are writing to inform you of what your child will be learning and the skills they will be developing during the Spring Term.

<p>During this term we are excited to share with you that the focus topic in Nursery will be "Let's Celebrate!". The theme will allow us to explore a range of cultural, seasonal, and family celebrations in a fun and engaging way. The children will learn about the history of different celebrations and what happens.</p> <p>Share your traditions. If you have a celebration that is special to your family, we'd love to learn about it. Please share a photograph using the email admin@stcuthbertsstockton.bhcet.org.uk. Please add on the email for the attention of the Nursery team.</p>		
Subject	Skills	What you can do to help your child
Reading/Writing/Communication and Language	Children will have opportunities to develop their speaking and listening skills by sharing stories about celebrations they have experienced. We will introduce new vocabulary such as festival, decoration, tradition, and celebrate. Listening to stories to further support language development.	Read a range of books and genres at home with your child. Share a book every day with your child and talk about the story and the pictures. Talk about how your family celebrate special occasions and what makes them unique.
Understanding of the World	We will learn about a variety of celebrations from around the world, including birthdays, Christmas, New Year, Holi, and Chinese New Year. The children will learn the history and stories behind traditional festivals. They will be encouraged to share their own experiences, photos, or special objects from celebrations they've taken part in.	Look out for cultural decorations in the community. Talk about your traditions or celebrations as a family.
Expressive Arts	The children will have the chance to express their creativity by making cards and decorations. We will explore music and dance from different cultures and encourage imaginative role-play by setting up a party corner where children can	Sing favourite celebration songs or rhymes. Create simple crafts together, like cards for family members and decorations relating to a festival.

	act out their own celebration ideas.	
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	We will talk about different celebrations that are important to each child and their family. This will help the children develop respect for each other's traditions and cultures. We will also encourage turn-taking, sharing and cooperation during group activities.	Share photos or stories about family celebrations. (birthday, holidays etc). Talk about feelings related to different celebrations e.g. happy, excited and surprised.
Physical Development	The children will explore movement and coordination by dancing to celebration-themed music from different cultures. Children will also develop their fine motor skills by making decorations and baking simple treats. They will take part in fine motor and finger gym activities. Also, daily use mark making tools, like chalk, paint and pencils.	Listen to music from different festivals and encourage your child to express themselves through music and dance. Your child will be in the outdoor area each day regardless of the weather so please ensure that they always have a coat and clothes that suit the weather. Also, flat shoes are essential. No open toe shoes are allowed as they are inappropriate.

Nursery sessions run from 8.45am - 11.45am and 12.15pm - 3.15pm. Please make sure to pick your child up promptly at the end of each nursery session.

Evidence Me

We will be sharing your child's learning journey with you on Evidence Me; this is a chance to see what your child has been doing over at Nursery how you can further support them at home. Please make sure we have an email address for you and you have downloaded the app as stated in the letter you were given.

Many thanks for your continued support in enriching your child's learning journey. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak with a member of the Nursery Team.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Hopkins & Mrs Underwood