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St. Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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Dear parents and carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to Nursery, hopefully refreshed and ready to start a new term. This half term our topic in the 3-year room is 'All about me' and in the 2-year room it is 'My senses'.

In the 3-year room we will explore new beginnings and changing environments, talk about ourselves and our families and how we have grown and changed. We will also explore and learn to talk about our own feelings and the changes in the seasons around us. Some of the key books covered this term will include 'Owl Babies', 'Goldilocks and the three bears', 'The colour monster', 'Monkey puzzle' and 'We're going on a bear hunt'. The children will discuss their homes, family members and personal experiences and will join in drawing and representing these with various materials such as dough, paint and through role-play. We will look at our facial features, talk about likes and dislikes, develop friendships and play co-operative games. In these first weeks we will focus on introducing our daily routines and reinforcing tidying up, how we treat our friends and look after the environment.

In the 2-year-old room we will explore the senses of taste, touch, sight, smell and sound and talk about our likes and dislikes. We will learn about our new environment, the toys in it and how to play and look after them. We will also learn the names of our key workers and the other children we work with and play alongside. We will learn to talk about personal family experiences, our feelings and colours, using simple vocabulary supported by adults. Some key texts will include 'Goat goes to Nursery', 'Simon sock', 'Brown bear, brown bear' and 'You choose'.



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Please see the Curriculum overview for our Nursery on St. Mary's school Website in the Nursery section.

Please be reminded of the following issues regarding everyday routines:

- * Please ensure that your child has a bag of clothes on their peg including underwear and socks and a skirt / trousers / leggings in order that they can be changed by staff if necessary.
- * Please ensure that everything your child brings to school is clearly labelled with their name including water bottles and jumpers / cardigans / coats.
- * If your child requires nappies or wipes, please also send these into Nursery in their changing bag.
- * We are a healthy and nut-free school. We ask that no nut products (including chocolate spread) is included in packed lunches at all. Please do not include chocolate bars, fizzy drinks or cans in your child's packed lunch and grapes or small fruit like tomatoes should be cut in half length ways.
- * Please see the Nursery lunch time menu for healthy lunch choices which are offered to children who attend Nursery for full days.



Please speak to a member of staff if you have any further queries,
Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Maria Walker and the Nursery team.

