



Nursery Class Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term (1) 2023

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and are ready for a successful and exciting 2023 in Nursery Class. We can't believe how fast time has gone and we are now starting our second term together. We are looking forward to lots more fun and learning during this term. We would like to give a warm welcome to our new children and parents joining us this term. We are sure the children will settle into Nursery life at St Mary's in no time at all. We all can't wait to get to know you and have lots of fun with our new friends.

Topic

Our topic in Nursery for this half term is "Is the moon made of cheese?", a topic based around space! Please see the attached curriculum overview which outlines what your child will be learning over the next few weeks. I have included as much information as possible so that you have some ideas of the activities your child might have been up to while at Nursery. Like last half term, the Nursery team would like to see what the children would like to learn about as much as possible, so I will be sending home a blank 'planning map' for you to include your child's interests and what they may wish to learn about. From this, I will then include these ideas in my planning so that your child receives a bespoke curriculum involving home, school and your child in the planning process.



Come and See (RE)

Our First 'Come and See' topic for Spring 1 will be 'Celebrating'. In this topic children will know and understand what a celebration is and how the parish family celebrate. They will talk about their own experiences and feelings about celebrations they have been part of and how the celebration was shared. They will recognise the story of Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the temple and they will recognise that the church/parish family celebrate in particular ways. Following this, our 'Come and See' topic will be 'Gathering'. In this topic children will know and understand how and why people gather together and the joy of gathering together to celebrate at mass.



Outdoor Provision

We all have daily access to outdoor play. Outdoor learning is an essential part of children's development so please could I ask that each child brings a coat and waterproof shoes to Nursery every day as it can get be messy and wet! This means we can enjoy playing outside whatever the weather! Wellies can be left on our welly rack in Nursery rather than bringing them to and from Nursery every day. Please ensure that your child's wellies and coat are clearly labelled. Please can all children bring a **small bag** containing a change of clothes, this can be left in nursery so it does not need to be brought to and from Nursery every day.



PE Days

Nursery will have PE on Monday afternoon and Thursday morning. Please can your child come to Nursery in jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers/pumps on those days.

Magic Moments Slips

We would like to say a BIG thank you for all the 'magic moment' sent into Nursery last half term via tapestry or brought into the setting. They are an excellent way for you to contribute to your child's learning journey and the children thoroughly enjoy sharing them with everyone in Nursery. 'Magic Moment Slips' are one way in which you can contribute to your child's learning journey. They are to be completed by an adult when you see your child do something that perhaps you haven't seen before or make you go 'wow' or smile. Please add a photo or comment on Tapestry of your child's magic moment for us to share. The magic moments are used as part of 'show and tell' during our key worker time and are then displayed on our magic moment wall. We look forward to receiving lots of 'magic moments' this half term.

Vocabulary

Here is a list of words for your children to learn and explore over this next half term. The words are linked to space. **Astronaut, planet, Earth, explore, discover, travel, dark, bumpy, far.** Some extra words that you may like to discover are **comet, asteroids, galaxy, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, orbit, rotate.**

Other important information

- Please ensure that your child only brings water in the class water bottle. If you wish to provide juice for their lunch then please provide a separate bottle for the classroom.
- Please make sure that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name.
- We offer a rolling snack so children have access to water/milk and a piece of fruit throughout the session. We also offer toast each morning. If you would like your child to have toast, please arrange payment at the school office.

Tapestry

Thank you to those of you who have contributed to your children's learning journey. We really do enjoy seeing your child's learning at home uploaded onto Tapestry - especially new learning or learning linked to our topic. Any learning I ask to be completed outside of Nursery is to be uploaded onto here where one of the adults will comment and link it to the EYFS framework. If anyone is having trouble uploading to Tapestry, please let us know. Thank you.

Reminders!

- Please make sure your children's belongings are named including hats and coats.
- Bring reading bags in daily - we are promoting a lot of independence with our pre-school children to prepare them for September and one of their jobs is to put their work in their folder and organise their own belongings. The children still need lots of practice so please can you ensure the bag is brought in daily so we can continue this in our daily routine.
- When you arrive at nursery please encourage your child to put their lunchbox/bag on the trolley and take their reading pack out of their bags and put it in the blue box so that we can change their books on their book change day (Monday or the first day of the week your child attends) provided there is a comment in their blue book.
- Wellies and waterproof coat (or puddle suit if you own one)
- A few changes of clothes and underwear.

If you have any questions about anything please just send me a message on Dojo and I will respond to you as quick as I can. Please don't hesitate to ask anything at all!

Thank you for your support

Miss Lewis