



Nursery Class Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021

welcome Welcome to St. Mary's Nursery Class! I hope you are looking forward to the summer holidays and have enjoyed the gorgeous weather we are having of late. Normally, curriculum letters are uploaded in the first week of each half term but as this is the first one and there are a few items listed in here for you to organise I thought you might like some more time to read this through and get ready for September.

Firstly, I am looking forward to welcoming back the children and parents who were with us in Nursery last term. I am looking forward to getting to know each and everyone of you and continue our fun and exciting learning together. I would also like to say a big warm welcome to all the new children and parents joining us this September. I hope you are ready to begin an exciting new journey, as we start our first term together at St. Mary's Nursery. We are looking forward to a happy and successful year with lots of fun! We hope you are too! We know that during such worrying and disruptive times with Covid, it is natural to have many questions and worries but please be reassured your child's safety and wellbeing is our priority.



Topic



Our topic in Nursery for this half term is 'What makes me special?'. We will be learning about ourselves, our likes and dislikes, our body parts and the five senses. We will also be focusing on getting to know our new friends and building relationships, learning new routines and settling into our new classroom and environment. For the first few weeks we will be talking about our families. Please could we ask that each child emails/posts on Dojo or Tapestry a family photo to go on our 'family wall.' We can then use this photo as a prompt for speaking and listening. Please write a short message to say who the family members are!



In addition to the above topic, we plan from the children's interests as they arise and adapt our teaching and learning to the children's needs and interests accordingly.

Examples of this are changes in seasons or weather, or special events in the children's lives such as weddings or a new baby, therefore always keeping the children at the heart of all we do. With this in mind, we'd like to see what the children would like to learn about as much as possible so we have sent home a blank 'planning map' for you to include your child's interests and what they may wish to learn about. From this, we 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)

At St. Mary's, the children are taught Religious Education through a teaching scheme called 'Come and See'. Our first topic is 'Myself', which teaches the children the importance of their name and that God knows and loves each one by name.

'Welcome', our second topic, helps the children to understand what it is to welcome and be welcomed and know baptism is a welcome into God's family.



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 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. If you have a puddle suit or can provide one for your child to use in Nursery this will also be great as we do lots of rolling around on the grass and mud.



PE Days

Nursery will have PE/dance 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

'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.

Nursery Staff and Key worker

I am the Nursery class teacher (Mrs Singleton). In Nursery, we have three teaching assistants who work with myself during the week. Miss Bowler works in Nursery everyday. Miss Lang works Monday-Wednesday and Mrs Owsianska works Wednesday - Friday. On Wednesday's Miss Bowler covers the Nursery class as a HLTA (Higher level teaching assistant) with the other two TAs as I have my PPA (Planning, preparation and assessment) time that all teachers have out of class and also time for my other role she has in school as SENDCO (special educational needs and disability coordinator). I am in school during Wednesday's and available if needed.

We will have small 'key worker' group time during each day with all adults to sing songs/read stories/ opportunities for speaking and listening and 'Show and tell' including looking at 'magic' moments from home.

We are very lucky in nursery to have other adults in the setting to support the children. Mrs Bridge supports the children during lunchtime with Miss Lang and Mrs Owsianska (on the day's they work in Nursery).

Other important information

- Please make sure that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name.
- Your child has access to milk after lunch as a sit down drink and has access to water throughout the day. Please ensure they come to Nursery with a water bottle clearly labelled with their name - NO JUICE PLEASE. Their water bottle will be taken home each night for washing and needs to come filled each morning.
- We also offer toast each morning. If you would like your child to have toast, please arrange payment at the school office.



Dojo

I hope that you have all managed to log onto Dojo. I have sent invitations either via e-mail or letter. If you have not received one of these please let us know. Dojo is a fantastic way to see your child's achievements and a useful way to communicate with us! Please look out for notices I may send out to all Nursery parents. I do use dojo a lot to upload messages to all parents so it is important that you are connected with me on it.

Tapestry

In Nursery and Reception, we use an online learning journal to record your child's development and achievements. You should have received a letter in your pack. Once we have collected all the agreements from you, we can add your e-mail address. You will

then be sent an activation code for you to use to access your child's learning journey. You will be able to see what observations have been made and add your own stories of your child's life outside school. All activation codes have been sent to you so I hope you have all logged in OK but please do message me if your not sure.

Reminders!

To bring - Family photos,
Wellies,
Waterproof coat (or puddle suit if you own one)
Change of clothes and underwear and socks (this will be kept in Nursery)

If you have any questions about anything please feel free to catch any of the nursery team at the door at the beginning or at the end of the day. Please don't hesitate to ask anything at all!

I look forward to working with you over the next year and getting to know your wonderful child.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Rebecca Singleton (Nursery Class Teacher)