



## Nursery Class Curriculum Newsletter

### Autumn Term (2) 2022

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half term holiday and are looking forward to this next half term. It is certainly going to be busy with lots of exciting learning and activities happening, not to mention Christmas!

Thank you for attending the phonics, curriculum and parents meetings that we held last half term, I hope you found these informative. The main message to take home is that your children have all settled in so well and are starting to form and build friendships and relationships with their peers and with all the adults in our Nursery team. We are really pleased with the progress they are making and from the feedback at parents evening I know that you are all pleased too.



Previously St Mary's Nursery have sent home a document called "What to expect, when?"

The Department for Education have published a new guide for parents - "What to expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage" this replaces "What to expect, when?" document and is in line with the new Development matters. This guides parents through what to expect in your child's development. Please click the link below to view this document.

<https://foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf>



## Topic



This half term we are building upon the fantastic start we have already made and will be focussing on the three prime areas of the EYFS curriculum.

The topics we choose are heavily led by the children's interests and encompass several areas of learning. For this reason, the topics will change to reflect the direction the children take their learning.



Our topic this half term is 'How do we celebrate?' We will be looking at different types of celebrations and look at children's own experiences of different celebrations e.g. birthdays, weddings, baptism. **If you have any photos of celebrations we'd love to see them!** Please upload them onto Tapestry. This helps children to build upon their personal experiences and provide opportunities for speaking and listening. We will also be learning about themed events as they occur this half term including Bonfire night, Remembrance Day, Advent and Christmas.

Like last half term, I 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. **Please can you complete the planning map and upload to your child's tapestry account as soon as possible.**



## Come and See (RE)

We are continuing with the 'Welcome' topic, helping the children to understand what it is to welcome and be welcomed and know baptism is a welcome into God's family. We will also learn about another faith, Judaism, and join the whole school in learning about Judaism week in November. Then we will look at Advent/Christmas and loving. We will learn how Jesus's birthday is celebrated. We then look at Celebrating and how people celebrate with the parish family.

## Outdoor Provision

We all have daily access to outdoor play. Outdoor learning is an essential part of children's development. As we move through Autumn and into winter it will be getting wetter and colder so please could I ask that each child brings a warm 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.



## Library books & bags



We introduced a story book last half term for the children to enjoy looking at and listening to at home. These are changed once a week. If you write a short comment in

the blue reading record then we know the book has been shared and return it on your child's first day of the week, we can change it for a new one. If you'd like to, you can also upload videos or photographs of your child sharing their class or library book with you.

It is important that your child brings their plastic reading bag every day to Nursery even if it is empty. When the children do any drawings, paintings etc... they are encouraged to find their own book bag to put their work into. This also enables us to put any letters or notices into their bag for your attention at home.

## Water Bottles

Please can you also ensure your child brings to nursery a named bottle containing **WATER** only (no juice please due to allergies which is in line with school policy). If you wish for your child to have juice with their lunch please provide a separate drink for class.

## Our Cloakroom

We have lots of backpacks and rucksacks in nursery that are empty and some are quite large. We will be sending home surplus bags this week - each child only needs one bag plus their lunch box if needed. This bag can either be taken home or can be left in nursery and we will send it home when it needs replenishing with and spare clothes (including underwear) on

## Friday Treats

As per a letter sent out last half term Friday treats are no longer allowed in the EYFS. Children in the Early Years will still have access to fruit and toast if you have ordered it for your child. We have a rolling snack and children have access to fruit and water all day. We have toast about 9.45am and have milk in the afternoon.

## PE Days

Nursery have PE on Monday afternoon and Thursday morning. Please can your child come to Nursery in jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers 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. 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 will send home some new magic moment slips next week.

## Other important information

- Please make sure that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name.
- Your child has access to either milk or water and a piece of fruit throughout the day. They can visit the snack table when they wish to during continuous provision time.
- We also offer toast each morning. If you would like your child to have toast, please arrange payment at the school office.
- Spare clothes - we have limited spare leggings/joggers in Nursery! Please could we ask that spare clothes from nursery are returned, many thanks.
- We are also missing two of our Star Of The Week badges. Can you please have a check at home and return these so that we do not run out. Thank you

## Tapestry

Thank you to those of you who have contributed to your children's learning journey. If anyone is still having trouble logging onto Tapestry, please let me know. Thank you. Please can you continue to upload things your child gets up to outside of Nursery onto Tapestry - we love sharing this with the children and it really does help to build their confidence up.

## Reminders!

To bring or send in - Celebration photos such as Weddings, Birthdays, Baptism,  
Reading bag to be brought daily  
Wellies,  
Waterproof coat (or puddle suit if you own one),  
Change of clothes and underwear (all named) in one bag either stays in nursery or goes home.

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

Thank you for your support

Miss Lewis, Miss Bowler, Mrs Houghton and Mrs Owsianska.