

# St Matthew's C of E Primary Academy



# NURSERY CURRICULUM LETTER SEPTEMBER 2024

#### Staff:

Mrs Naik is the class teacher, and our wonderful assistants are Mrs Patel, Mrs Slater and Mrs Hoole. We are always here to help. Miss Young will be taking the class on Monday afternoons.

## Key information:

The children will be put into key worker groups at the end of September.

#### Theme:

Our current theme is called 'My World your World'. We will be looking at our immediate and extended family. We will then go on to look at how the children have changed and talk about babies

Each week we will be exploring a different story and using it as a basis for much of the learning within the 7 areas. The stories we will be looking at are



Week 1 and 2 - Nursery Rhymes

Week 3 - Peace at Last

Week 4 – Where's Spot

Week 5 – My Mom is Fantastic

Week 6 - My Dad is Brilliant

Week 7 - Looking at various non-fiction books about babies



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Week 8 – Whatever Next!

This is what we are focusing on in the 7 areas of learning over the next half term

## Communication and Language

The children will be expected to respond and follow simple instructions and will be taught to be good listeners. In small groups the children will begin to listen to each other and join in with repeated refrains and songs.

## Personal, social and emotional development



This half term the children will be getting used to the environment and make themselves familiar with other children and the staff so they can begin to form relationships. They will be looking at how unique and special they are.

## Physical development

Children will be given the opportunity to move freely and confidently. They will be encouraged to make large bodily movements to make circles and lines. Children will be expected to attend to their toileting needs with help or independently.

## Literacy

The children will be encouraged to look at books independently, holding them the correct way, turning the pages carefully and looking at the pictures. We will do lots of mark making and we will talk about what the children have done so they can start to give meaning to their marks they make.

### **Mathematics**

We will focus on using number names accurately during their play. They will be encouraged to recognise, match, and talk about shapes of everyday objects.



## Understanding the world

The children will talk about their immediate and extended families. They will look at baby photographs of themselves and the other children in the nursery. We will make a timeline from being a baby to an elderly person.



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## Expressive arts and design

The children will be encouraged to use their senses and bodies to explore the environment. They will capture experiences and responses with music, dance, paint and various other media. They will join in with ring games and singing.

#### READING

We encourage parents to share books with their children as it is an important way to help them build language skills. It exposes them to new words and ways of using language.



#### TOILETING

Please ensure that your child is toilet trained. If you are struggling with this, please come and speak to a member of our staff and we will be happy to support and talk you through what you could do and direct you on how to get support.

#### **NURSERY FUND**

Thank you to all the parents for contributing £1 a week towards the nursery fund. Just a quick reminder that the nursery fund is collected on a Monday.

## **LUNCHTIME**

Just a quick reminder that if your child comes to nursery in the morning, the children go over to school at 11.30am to have their lunch. Therefore, if you are providing a packed lunch please can you ensure that it is in school before lunch time. A school dinner cost £1.

Afternoon children will need a packed lunch and they will go over to school to eat it so please make sure your child is in nursery 12.10 prompt as there is no one in nursery until the children have eaten their dinner which is 12.40pm.

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