

St Matthew's C of E Primary Academy



PRE-SCHOOL CURRICULUM LETTER <u>SEPTEMBER 2025</u>

Staff:

Mrs Russell is the class teacher, and our wonderful Learning Support Assistant is Miss Cothliff.

We are always here to help.

Mrs Higgins will be taking the class for part of Wednesday morning.

Key information:

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

Theme:

Our first week is focused on settling into Pre-school and focusing on Asian History topic. We will then move onto looking at the theme 'My World, Your World'. We will be looking at our immediate and extended family. We will learn about how the children have changed since they were babies and what they can now do.

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— Welcome and Nursery Rhymes

Week 3 - Peace at Last

Week 4 – Where's Spot

Week 5 - My Mum is Fantastic

Week 6 - My Dad is Brilliant

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

Week 8 – Whatever Next!





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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 Nursery 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. Children will be expected to attend to their toileting needs with help or independently.

<u>Literacy</u>

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 begin by focusing on comparing numbers to see more than, less than and the same. Then we will explore and build shapes and objects. We will also focus on hearing and saying numbers accurately during their play and begin to order numbers by names.

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.

PRE-SCHOOL FUND

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

SNACK TIME

Everyday the children will have access to bagels in the morning as they come into Pre-School. Then half way through the morning the children can bring a healthy snack from home or choose fruit and vegetables provided by the school.

Milk and water is also available to them.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE DO NOT ALLOW NUTS AS A SNACK AS WE HAVE SEVERAL CHILDREN WITH SEVERE NUT ALLERGIES.