

As communicators...

We will continue to be developing our listening and attention skills so that we can hear more and remember more. We will be encouraged to describe our experiences and ask and answer questions. We will take turns to speak and listen to others when they speak. Adults in Nursery will model phrases sentences so that we hear all the words in a sentence and begin to use words because, so, then, to connect them.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to develop our independence and take responsibility for our own belongings- we will extend this to include other people's belongings especially the toys and books we love to use in Nursery. 'Nursery rules' will always be reinforced so that we share, work and play cooperatively with one another. We will be encouraged to talk about our feelings and learn to recognise different emotions.

Physical Development

Our play with large equipment will help develop our core and upper body strength, balance and co-ordination; we will be digging, carrying, and using the hall and the trim trail. We continue to access activities such as snipping with scissors, dough manipulation, tweezer activities and threading which will help develop our hand and finger control. We will be looking to make anti-clockwise movements and re-trace lines with a range of things such as scarves and streamers, paint brushes and crayons.

New Vocabulary – We are learning new words every day and the words we will focus on this half term are – full, empty, nearly full/empty, half, loud, quiet, forwards, backwards, over, through, cold, freezing, melt, vehicle, travel, journey. Please continue to help your child to use she/he, him/her and his/hers accurately.

St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School
Nursery Learning Guide

How Can We Get There?



Spring 1 2024

Where shall we go?

What is a vehicle? What is a journey? How do we travel?

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'Celebrations' is our first topic and we will be revisiting the celebrations we have had already and learning what a celebration is. This will inform our subsequent learning on how and what our Parish family celebrates in church. At the end of the half term we will begin the 'gathering' topic and we will be introduced to Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday.

As investigators...

We will be learning about the journeys we make and how and why we make them. We will explore a range of vehicles and their features and we will make observations of pictures of old-fashioned vehicles and those from different parts of the world. We will test out how well our toy vehicles travel on different surfaces too. We will experience maps and the globe and go on our own journeys around school and the locality. We will find out about Chinese New Year and try some different foods and we best of all, we will be making

As readers and writers...

The non-fiction and fiction books we will be sharing will to help build our knowledge and understanding of the theme of vehicles and we will be encouraged to answer questions about them. We will use the idea of repetitive language again when we read 'The Big Pancake' story and aim to be able to retell it all by ourselves. Oral story - telling and singing rhymes supports our memory. Rhythm and rhyme will be a focus in our group sessions and our older children will be encouraged to write their names.

As mathematicians...

We will continue to practise rote-counting accurately to 10 and beyond and counting small sets of objects accurately - we will know that the last number we say is the total number in the set. We will learn to recognise the numbers 1-5. We will be grouping and sorting vehicles and explaining our reasons. We will explore shapes and use them to make other shapes and patterns.

As artists and designers...

We will be using our observations of vehicles and describing their features in order to make models of our favourites. We will collaborate in making larger models/constructions too, which we can play with. Of course, mark-making with a range of materials including paint is always available. Our role-play opportunities will include a restaurant, a birthday party, and a garage.

Visits /Celebrations

This half term we will be visiting the library to hear stories, join in crafts and sing songs . We have Freestyle Football sessions planned which sound fun and we plan to celebrate Chinese New Year and Pancake Day.