

# YEAR REC: AUTUMN 2

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2021

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"Happy together in God's family,  
we love, grow and learn."



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after half term, the children have had a really good first week back in school. It is a busy and exciting half term, as we start to get ready for their first Nativity at school. There is also a pantomime, Advent workshop, class party and Christmas jumper day, as well as all the normal learning going on.

Advent workshop: on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December we are having an Advent Workshop, parents or Grandparents are invited to come and join in the celebrations. Please can I ask that only one adult come due to space.

Nativity: We will be starting to learn the songs for the nativity after half term. Children will be given parts and we will send a letter home if we need any clothes bringing in. The Reception nativity will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of December at 2.30pm.

Tapestry & Twitter: Thank you to everyone that added to your child's account over half term; it was lovely to learn what exciting activities the children got up to and they have loved sharing their adventures with their friends. Please do keep adding any news or family celebrations throughout the year. At St Mary's we use Twitter to keep parents involved in activities which we recommend parents / carers to join, and we have our own Reception Class page on the school webpage.

I am supported by Mrs Quinn and we welcome Miss Emma to Reception as an additional TA.

Thank you for your continued support, Miss Roberts (Class teacher)

### Important Days

Tuesday & Thursday

PE

### Important Dates

15.11.21 Antbullying Week

15.11.21 Odd Socks Day

19.11.21 Non uniform for Children in Need

28.11.21 11.00am Family Mass 1st Sunday of Advent

29.11.21 Woolly Hat campaign starts

1.12.21 2.00pm Reception Advent Workshop

8.12.21 Pantomime in school

9.12.21 2.30pm Reception nativity

10.12.21 Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas dinner day

14.12.21 End of Woolly Hat campaign

15.12.21 Christmas party day

16.12.21 9.30am Whole school Mass led - Year 4

17.12.21 Finish for Christmas holidays

## Phonics and Literacy

This half term in phonics we will continue with phase 2 sounds and tricky words. We will be carrying on making verbal sentences to develop their knowledge and understanding of how sentences are structured. We will be focusing on reading CVC and CCVC words to increase our reading fluency.

Within Literacy, we will be making lists, cards and invitations to go with this half terms topic of 'Transport'. Our focus text will be linked to this topic and will be 'Naughty Bus' and 'The Jolly Postman'.

We will continue work on pencil grip, writing their names, letter formation and using their phonic knowledge to support them with reading & segmenting and writing words.

## Physical Development

Children will continue to have their PE lessons on a Tuesday and Thursday.

This half term we will be developing their knowledge of how to use the equipment safely, pair work and mounting and dismounting equipment.

The children will also be practising their fine motor skills through using scissors and activities at the Funky Fingers table, as this will support their pencil grip.

## RE

This half term, the children will be learning about God's Family. The children will be given opportunities to:

- Know that angel Gabriel asked Mary to be the mother of God's son.
- That in Advent we prepare to celebrate Christmas.
- To know the story of the birth of Jesus and reflect on how important this is for us.
- That the shepherds were the first to hear about the birth of Jesus
- They will learn that God made us to know and love him as well as to show our love for him by helping one another.
- That we can show his love to others.

## The Foundation Stage

Autumn

Half-Term 2



## Mathematics

Subitising: we look at numbers to 5, looking at different arrangements.

Cardinality, ordinality and counting: we will explore the cardinality of 5 (knowing the last number counted is the total), linking this into dice patterns & 5 fingers on 1 hand, counting out loud beyond 10. Numeral recognition.

Composition: explore the concept of the 'part-part-whole' concept. We will continue to explore the composition of numbers within 5 (how they are made up of other numbers, early addition, and subtraction).

Comparison: compare sets using a variety of strategies, including 'just by looking' (subitising) and by matching. Comparing groups to see if they have 'more, less or the same / equal' amount.

## Topic: Transport

We are looking at different forms of transport, how we can travel around, jobs they are used for such as delivering post, food etc. Also, who uses transport to help us such as police, fire and paramedics. We will be looking at how transport has changed from the past to present day. We are hoping to have a visit from the police to talk about road safety (fingers crossed).

In the second half of the term, we will link travel into Christmas and how Father Christmas, travels around the world and we will look at different countries he travels to.

## PSED

We have a weekly circle time session linked into the school's virtues which are discussed each week in Monday's main assembly.

As a class, we constantly talk about feelings and how our actions might impact on a friend. We will be working on having the understanding and knowledge of how to build relationships in new social situations will help deepen their skills to confidently deal with new situations.

We have started using the language of the Leader in me and linking it into knowledge gained in RE, the virtues and school life.