

# YEAR RECEPTION AUTUMN 2 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2022

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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 Thursday 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 comes and no younger siblings due to space, thank you.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> of December at 2.15pm.

**Pantomime and class party:** On the 6<sup>th</sup> of December we are having a pantomime in school where the children will sit and watch it with their Y6 buddy. On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> it is our class party the children will come in party clothes, please make sure they are warm and that they can still go to the toilet in their outfits.

**Tapestry & Twitter:** Thank you to everyone that added to their 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.

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

## Important Days

**Thursday & Friday**

PE

**Reading books returned**

Monday morning

## Important Dates

**14.11.22** Antbullying week

**16.11.22** 9.15am E safety parent meeting via Zoom

**25.11.22** Woolly Hat campaign starts

**27.11.22** 11.00am Family Mass\*

**29.11.22** 3.30pm Reception maths parent meeting\*

**1.12.22** 2.00pm Advent Workshop

**2.12.22** 2.30pm Christmas Fair\*

**7.12.22** Pantomime in school

**8.12.21** 2.15pm Reception nativity

**9.12.22** Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day

**15.12.22** Christmas party day (party clothes)

**16.12.22** 9.30am Whole school Mass - Year 4

**16.12.22** Finish for Christmas holidays



## Phonics and Literacy

This half term in phonics we will continue with phase 2 sounds and tricky words. We will still 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.

## 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.

## Mathematics

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

Cardinality, ordinality and counting: we will explore the cardinality of number (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.

## The Foundation Stage

Autumn

Half-Term 2



## 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.

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.

## Physical Development

The 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 scissor's and activities at the Funky Fingers table, as this will support their pencil grip.

## 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. Having the understanding and knowledge on 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.