

St. Catherine's Nursery School Newsletter



Year Group: Nursery

Term 1

Dear Parent,

We hope your child is having a good term so far. Things are really exciting in our school for our Nursery children. As you know we have planned a highly structured curriculum for your child!! We want to involve you in your child's education so this newsletter is to inform you as to what your child will be studying in school this term. You can support your child by also discussing these curriculum areas at home.

Language Development

Pre-Reading

Your child will be learning how to hold a book in the correct position and turn the pages appropriately. They will experience rhymes and stories on a daily basis to help develop early phonological awareness and stimulate an interest in books.

It would be beneficial if you could read stories to your child at bedtime.

It is also important to familiarise your child with Nursery Rhymes.

Some Nursery Rhymes covered this term will be:

1. Humpty Dumpty
2. Incy Wincy Spider
3. Hickory Dickory Dock

Some songs covered this term will be:

1. If you're happy and you know it
2. Twinkle Twinkle
3. Wheels on the bus

Pre-Writing

Your child will see their name in written form accompanied with his/her photograph.

Make sure your child has access to crayons, markers and paper to help them develop writing skills.

Talking and Listening

We will be focusing specifically on developing attention and listening skills this term. We will be encouraging children to turn-take in talking situations, and develop the confidence to respond and interact verbally with adults and their peers.

Early Mathematical Experiences

Your child will have the opportunity to develop their mathematical skills this term which will include developing colour recognition, 2D shape recognition (square, circle, triangle, rectangle,) sorting and matching skills. We will explore early counting and develop awareness of time through learning about our daily routine at nursery.

You can help by looking for shapes around your home and outdoors.

ICT (Information and Communication Technology-use of computers, sound equipment etc)

Your child will be learning how to activate a listening-centre independently, developing Early ICT skills.

World Around Us Topics this term

A New Place, Snap, Crackle and Pop! (relating to Autumn/Halloween), Over the Rainbow (relating to colours), Sparkle and Shine (relating to Winter and Christmas)

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Your child will be learning about Christian values this term such as learning to be kind and respectful to others. We will also be exploring festivals such as Halloween and Christmas. Children will be learning how to bless themselves and recite Grace before meals.

PATHS Programme

This term the children will be introduced to our PATHS Programme. They will learn the rules associated with Circle Time and explore a range of emotions.

Physical Development and Movement

Outdoor Play- Children will have opportunities to develop an awareness of keeping safe while using equipment outdoors. They will explore pedalling a tricycle and develop balance skills on specific equipment this term.

The Arts

Children will have opportunities to use a wide variety of Art and Craft resources, independently and with adult assistance this term. They will have opportunities to use their imagination in a variety of play situations eg; Home Corner/Small World Areas.
Children will have the opportunity to avail of Musical Pathways with Miss Una Carlin on Friday mornings within their class bubble.

Procedures for good hygiene in school

We will continue to have temperature checks and regular handwashing/sanitising throughout the day. Children will be provided with soap, hand sanitiser and tissues at school. If your child has any allergies, please let us know.

If you have any concerns, please contact your child's teacher:

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General Reminders

Monthly Notes: make sure to have a read as there is an update each month on our school website!! This newsletter is uploaded to our website www.stcatherinesps.co.uk or you can download our FREE APP to your phone.