

PSED

The children will be settling in this half term and learning rules and routines. We will be focusing on listening and taking turns. Circle time discussions help children understand emotions, listen to others and form positive relationships with peers and staff, building a sense of belonging and security.

Physical Development (PD)

Children strengthen fine motor skills through mark-making, cutting, threading and playdough activities that develop hand control and coordination. Gross motor development is supported through playground games, movement activities and outdoor play, building strength, balance and body awareness.

Communication and Language (CL)

We will be reading many texts linked to school, families, themselves and autumn. We will be working on listening and understanding texts.

- The Colour Monster, Owl Babies, Funnybones, Rainbow Fish and Elmer.

Phonics/Literacy

The children will start to learn set 1 and will begin to sound and blend CVC words.

Please practise sounds every day and the QR codes that will come out every Friday.



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Dear Parents and Carers, We hope you had a lovely summer. Welcome to St. Joseph's. This is our newsletter for the first half term. If you have any questions please do ask. Thank you.

Maths

Children will be developing build early number sense by recognising and representing quantities one through three, subitising and understanding one more and one less. They will match and sort and use vocabulary to set a criteria.

Religious Education

In RE this half term, we will be exploring God's world through stories, observation and discussion.

They will observe closely, make comparisons and share ideas about the natural world. These experiences nurture curiosity and wonder, helping children develop an understanding of the world around them and their place within it.



Expressive arts and design (EAD)

Children explore creative activities through cutting, sticking, painting, modelling, and making with a range of materials and tools.

Understanding the World (UW)

Children will explore autumn and develop awareness of seasonal change through outdoor experiences, collecting natural materials and noticing environmental changes.

Reading and Homework

Welcome to Foundation Stage 2! This year, your child begins their formal reading journey. Phonics will start in the third week of term. We will share the sounds being taught so you can practise them together at home. This will come home on a weekly basis and there will be a QR code to scan. Strong hands and arms help children hold and control a pencil comfortably. Play-based activities such as playdough, threading, drawing, cutting, building and everyday tasks develop these muscles naturally. Keep activities enjoyable and pressure-free. Practise for a few minutes each day, following the sounds shared by school. Keep learning playful and stop if your child becomes tired or frustrated. Praise effort and progress and remember that children learn at different rates. Share a story every day, even briefly. Create a relaxed routine, talk about the pictures and story and let your child join in. Re-reading favourite books supports understanding and confidence. Reading together builds vocabulary, listening skills, enjoyment and helps children meet phonics in meaningful contexts. Make learning feel like play. Talk, sing and enjoy language throughout the day. Follow your child's interests. Celebrate small steps. Please come and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for supporting your child's learning and development at home.

Teaching Team in Foundation Stage (FS)

FS1 - Nursery

FS2 - Reception

FS1 - Mrs Thompson and Miss Noor.

FS2 - Miss Ford and Miss Bee.

Start and end of the day.

The door will be open for nursery at 8.30 am. Parents will enter through the cloakroom and drop their children off at the nursery door. Reception children can hang their coats up at 8.40am and enter into reception. The drop off for reception is 8.40-8.50am and then the gates will be locked at 8.50am. Gates will be opened at 3.10pm and locked at 3.20pm.

Water bottles

Children are allowed to have water bottles in school and nursey. Please place the bottle in the box provided. We will send home the bottles to be washed regularly.

Assemblies and Celebration of the Word

Every morning after register, the children participate in Celebration of the Word/Collective worship. After the first half term, children will start to attend assemblies in the whole school. This applies to children in FS2.

P.E timetable

During the first half term, reception will have one P.E session on a Friday. We will have a second PE session after the October half term. We will inform you later in the term of the P.E days. This applies to children in FS2.