

## Understanding the world

Our topic this term will be 'Nursery Rhymes.' Children will be exploring farm animals, mini-beasts, weather, health and exercise, growing, spring and Easter.

We will be using puppets and small world to retell rhymes. We will link poems, stories and rhymes to many different activities including; life-cycles, habitats, exploring foods and items sold in markets, thinking about water safety, electricity, different clothes and discussing new life.

Each week we will focus on a book that includes the theme of a nursery rhyme. For example:

- ◇ Old Macdonald had a farm
- ◇ Incy Wincey Spider
- ◇ Humpty Dumpty
- ◇ Miss Polly had a dolly



## Things to do at home...

Encourage children talk about what they have learned in school every day.

Practise counting numbers, recognising shapes, colours, naming body parts, naming animals etc.

Encourage children to practise writing their name and speaking using full sentences.

## How can I help at home?

Encourage your child to continue sharing a variety of fiction and non-fiction books. Retell stories using role-play and finger puppets. Sing lots of nursery rhymes and counting songs. Ask children to create their own props and pictures to retell rhymes and stories.

Encourage them explore the outdoor environment and discuss the calendar and weather with the children on a daily basis.

Talk to your child about people who are important in their lives; people who help us in the community and talk about belonging to a family.

Help your child to be organised –

- ◇ Do they have their book bag?
- ◇ Do they know what day they have P.E?
- ◇ Do they have two sets of spare clothes on their peg?
- ◇ Do they have their name on their uniform and coat?
- ◇ Can they dress themselves?
- ◇ Can they write their name?

# St Mary's C of E Primary School

## Nursery Parent Information Booklet



**What your child will  
be learning about  
this term and how  
you can help at  
home**

Spring 2019

# What we will be learning this term...

## Communication, language and literacy

This term we will be using the Letters and Sounds scheme to learn all the sounds in the English language. The children will also learn the alphabet and how to form letters. They will be encouraged to use mark making for many different purposes during free flow play as well as in adult led group activities. The children will practise their listening skills during class discussions and story time.



### Things to do at home...

Practise the sounds at home.

Search 'Jolly Songs Alphabet Song' on Youtube

Play phonics games with your child (e.g: looking for sounds they know in words, quick fire flashcards with letters written on cards or paper, guessing the first sound in words). Continue to work with your child on writing their name, using a capital letter only for the initial letter.

## Expressive Arts & Design

Children will be using a variety of tools to explore different materials. Children will have daily opportunities to engage in imaginative play. During music they will explore sounds and engage in weekly music lessons.



At home: encourage your child to explore different sounds.

## Mathematics

### Counting:

The children will be learning to use numbers to 10 confidently. They will be encouraged to say number names in order and to count out groups of objects.



### Things to do at home...

Sing number rhymes with your child and practice counting numbers to 10 and beyond. Find numbers around the environment with your child (e.g. bus numbers, door numbers, TV channel numbers...)

Search '10 little numbers' on Youtube

**Shapes:** The children will be learning to recognise and name a variety of 2D and 3D shapes. The children will also be talking about and making their own patterns.



### Things to do at home...

Can your child spot shapes when out and about. (What shape is the wheel on a car, their favourite book, an ice cream cone? etc...)

## Personal, Social, and Emotional development

The children have settled well into the routines of Nursery and have established new relationships. An emphasis will be placed on developing sharing and listening skills and an awareness of their own and others needs. This will be done throughout the day and during special Circle Time sessions.



The children are also learning about being more independent in class and taking the initiative to sort out to deal with behaviour and relationships.

## Physical Development

The children will be focusing on movement this term. They will make simple shapes with their bodies and travel on their feet in a variety of ways. They will begin to recognise repeated sounds and sound patterns and match movements to music.



The children will participate in fine motor skill activities such as threading, modelling and using tools throughout the learning environment.

### Things to do at home...

Play throwing and catching games with your child to develop their eye hand co-ordination.

## Religious Education

**Every day we say our prayers at lunch time and at the end of the day when we say "thank you".**

**Spring:** The children will explore and celebrate the idea of the new beginnings and growing. Children will also learn about life cycles and how they have grown.



**Celebrating:** In this topic the children learn about special celebrations including, Chinese New Year, Valentines Day and Mothering Sunday.

**Easter:** They will learn about the Easter story and the celebrations around Easter.

**Things to do at home...** Talk about the festivals your family celebrate during spring.