



Autumn Term
September 2024

Nursery Parents' Newsletter



Welcome to St. George & St. Martins Catholic Academy.

We are all really looking forward to teaching your children this year and working with you to provide the children with a fantastic start to their education.

All children have made a fantastic start to the year already, settling in really quickly, making new friends, exploring all areas of the classroom and learning our classroom routine.

This termly newsletter will give you more information about what is going on in the classroom and what the children will be learning throughout the term.

You will have already had your first weekly newsletter, this highlights more precisely what areas of learning we will be focusing on that forthcoming week and the theme of the week with additional things for you to do at home.

Our topic this Term is 'Me and my World' which will be taught through our Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, including the following areas of learning: Religious Education; Communication and Language; Physical Development; Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Literacy; Mathematics; Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

Here are just some of the activities that the children will be involved in during this term. In some cases, the activities will be guided by the children's interests.

Days to remember:

Music and Movement on **Mondays** (no jewellery to be worn)

PE on **Wednesday** (no jewellery to be worn & PE kit in school please)



Communication & Literacy:

- Learning new songs, rhymes, poems & stories about the body and ourselves, families and our pets.
- Listening to and following instructions.
- Listen to stories with increasing attention.
- Experimenting with mark making
- Role play areas- Home Corner
- Circle times
- Topic related vocabulary

RE:

- God's Family
- Creation
- God our Father cares for us
- Advent

Expressive Arts and Design:

- Self/ family portraits
- Drawing their pets and friends
- Firework displays
- Junk modelling
- Emotions monsters
- Construction blocks
- Creative table creations

PD:

- Weekly Music & Movement
- Fitness and exercise
- Health and Self hygiene
- Developing fine & gross motor skills
- Dough Disco
- PE (multi skills)
- Fine / Gross motor skills activities

Understanding the World:

- Talk about themselves/ likes and dislikes/ pets
- Drawing around a child & labelling body parts.
- Healthy eating and food choices
- Exploring the season of Autumn and looking at changes in our environment.
- Recognise similarities/differences between themselves and others—height/hair/skin colour
- Harvest Festival
- Where do they live? Exploring the local environment.
- Bonfire night

PSE:

- Belonging to different families.
- Discuss feelings, likes & dislikes.
- Self hygiene & eating healthily
- Making new friendships
- Sharing and turn taking
- Following the School Rules
- To become more confident and independent

Mathematics:

- Learning to say/ sing new number rhymes
- Learning to count a small number of objects.
- Develop an interest in counting & numbers.
- Measuring children's height using everyday Objects.
- Use 2D shapes to build objects
- Creating repeating patterns.
- Days of the week/ months of the year.
- 1:1 counting forwards and backwards
- Begin to represent numbers
- Beginning to use the language of size



Staff in Nursery

Mrs Griffiths

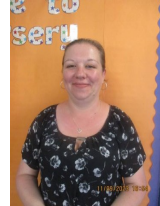
Class teacher

Mrs Miceli

Early Years Practitioner

Miss Harrison

Teaching Assistant



What can you do at home?.

- Encourage your child to observe what is going on around them and talk about what they have seen, heard, environmental print etc. (Phase 1 phonics)
- Encourage your child to join in with simple nursery rhymes and songs.
- Encourage your child to have a go at getting dressed and undressed.
- Encourage your child to count and develop an interest in numbers. i.e. count stairs, cutlery, steps it takes to get from the living room to the kitchen.
- Talk to your children about their family and where they live to enrich our topic of 'Me and my World'.
- Read books and visit the library together so the children will develop an interest in reading and develop good comprehension skills
- Start using pens and pencils to mark make, starting with simple patterns like: lines, circles, waves, and zigzags.
- Play lots of listening games like: simon says, traffic lights to develop those listening skills.
- Where possible, encourage your child to sit at table and use a knife and fork. To aid the fine motor skills and running of lunchtime in school.



Just a reminder.....

- PE kit is a blue polo shirt, maroon shorts and black pumps, please ensure this is always on your child's peg.
- A spare change of clothes in school just in case we have any accidents or we play in the rain. All items of clothing to be labelled with children's names please.
- No jewellery to be worn on PE & music and movement days. (Monday/ Wednesday)
- If children are still being toilet trained please ensure we have nappies and wipes in their bags. Please try your best at home to start transitioning from nappies to pants.

Thank you

Please don't forget that if you have any questions or concerns you are more than welcome to speak to any member of the nursery staff.

Our Class Saint:

Family and Community

The Holy Family



The Holy Family (Jesus, his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and his foster father, Saint Joseph) are the ultimate model for Christian families

Feast Day: 30th December

Diaries.

Please remember to sign your child's diary when you have read with them at home. The children will enjoy sharing their books with us in the classroom and it helps us to know how they are doing at home.

It would be fantastic if you could send in...



Boxes / pots we can use for making models- the children will really enjoy this!

A bag that can be kept on your child's peg that contains a change of uniform, and spare socks/ tights and pants.

Please label all items of clothes with your child's name