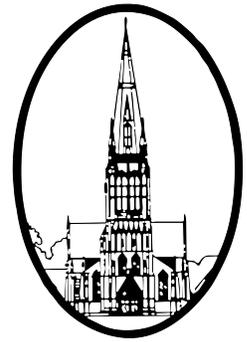


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*"St Mary's... feeding the mind, body and spirit
 so we can be the best we can be."*

Friday 1st November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you had a relaxing half term break. We are looking forward to seeing the progress the children will make over this term. The topic for this term is;

Let's Pretend

During this topic, the children will be reading various traditional and popular stories such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk, We're Going on a Bear Hunt, The Very Hungry Little Caterpillar. They will discuss the characters, settings and have the opportunity to re-enact previous experiences as well as use their imagination to introduce new ideas. Props are provided to encourage children to use equipment's safely, practise their language skill and promote personal, social and emotional development.

Here are some of the areas that will be covered this half term:

Literacy	The children will start Phase one of Letters and Sounds phonics to get attuned to the sounds around them and develop their speaking and listening skills which lays the foundations for the phonics work in the next stage.
Maths	Count numbers up to 10, to use the language of more and fewer (less) to compare sets of objects, to begin to categories objects according to properties such as size, colour and shape.
RE	Why is Christmas special for Christians
Topic	<i>Let's Pretend</i>
PSED	Learning to accept delays if needs aren't met immediately, taking turns, learning the skills to solve minor conflicts with peers independently, compromising.
Music	Learning various songs and dances, experimenting with instruments

	and rhythms and following and copying different beats.
Spanish	Numbers, simple instructions, greetings, days of the week.
Homework	Please ensure your child reads on a daily basis for 5-10 minutes. Please can you ask your child questions about the book and to retell what they have read? This will help to develop comprehension skills. Please remember to re-read the whole sentence again once a tricky word has been solved. This helps to develop fluency.

How can you help at home?

Numbers: Activities involving number recognition, number writing and matching would be very helpful. Having a secure knowledge in numbers 1-20 will help the children dramatically in their maths work.

How can you help at school?

Reading – Please come and read with your child for only 10 minutes each Friday morning (9:00 – 9:10) whenever you can, this makes a huge difference and helps us promote a love of reading to the children.

Books will be changed **every Friday** so please ensure that your child comes to school with their 'red bags' and with the previous book.

Target Tracker Link

We hope you are aware of *Target Tracker Link* in early years. By now, you should have all received a link via email regarding accessing your child's learning online. Please see us if you haven't provided your information or if you're having trouble accessing the link.

We look forward to a successful term. Thank you for all your support.

Yours sincerely,

The Nursery Team