



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

May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here in the Nursery at St. Mary's the children's learning will be linked to a different topic every half term. Your child's topic this half term is:

Plants and Flowers

During this topic, the children will have the chance to learn about the life cycle of a plant and how to plant seeds and care for growing plants. We will be growing cress, having a flower shop role-play, learning what a plant needs to grow, thinking about foods that grow and many other fun learning activities.

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

<p>Literacy</p>	<p>Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary. Continue to mark make and write some letters in their name.</p> <p>Our key text's this half term:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div data-bbox="553 1255 805 1507" style="text-align: center;"> <p>Oliver's vegetables by Vivienne French</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1044 1247 1385 1507" style="text-align: center;"> <p>One Child One seed by Kathryn Cave</p> </div> </div>
<p>Maths</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight, and capacity. • Solve real world mathematical problems with numbers up to 5. • Explore different types of repeated patterns. • 2D Shapes
<p>RE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Our RE topic for this half term is: Creation: Who cares for this special world and why? The unit teaches the children about:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Christians believe God created the world and wants it to be kept special. • That Christians believe we are stewards of it while we are alive on Earth, and therefore need to look after the world and everything living in it. • How everyone can help care for different aspects of our world.
Music	The children will have music interweaved within their day-to-day learning through Nursery rhymes and topic-based songs. The children will also explore instruments with access to percussion instruments every day. In addition, we have started using a new platform to teach music called Charanga which directly links to our daily practice. We also have a singing lesson every Monday with Mr Cook.
Spanish	Every Tuesday the children will also have a Spanish lesson with our school Spanish teacher Senior Enric. By the end of the year the children will be able to count to 10 in Spanish and know some colours and animal names.
Reading	Books will be changed every Friday so please ensure your child comes to school with their red bag with the previous book and reading log inside. We expect that you share a book with your child for 5-10 minutes each day and fill out the orange reading log. We must implement a love of books and reading from a very young age so please support us by enjoying reading and books at home. Don't forget to come in and join us each Friday for our 15 minute reading morning from 8:50-9:05.
Phonics	Here at St Mary's we use the 'Little Wandle' phonics program, we will be continuing with Phase 1 phonics with the introduction of some Phase 2 sounds (these sounds begin formally in Reception). Phonics is the foundation of writing and reading in school.

Change of clothes

If you have not already, please can you bring into school a change of clothes including, underwear, socks, tops, bottoms, and shoes (plimsols will do) for your child that will be kept on their peg in the case of any spills or accidents in school. These will be returned at the end of the school year.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Mackay