

Holy Family Catholic School Reception

Spring Term Learning Plan 23-24



Subject	Focus
Religious Education	<p><u>Christmas</u> When the children return in the New Year, they will learn about the story of Christmas. They will know that Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem and that his first visitors were shepherds.</p> <p><u>People Who Help Us.</u> In this unit the children will be introduced to the role of the priest as a special person in God's Family who helps people. This unit also has a focus on the church building as an important place within the parish community. The children will also learn about a saint being an important person in God's Family. In this unit they will also consider the help that Jesus gave to people when they needed it. They will also visit church as part of this unit.</p> <p><u>Lent</u> Children will learn that Lent is an important season in the Church year. They will know that it is a special time of prayer and a season when Christians try to follow Christ by what they do. They will also learn that Lent is a time of saying sorry and asking God's forgiveness for things that they have done wrong.</p> <p><u>Holy Week</u> In this unit the children will learn about the last few days in the life of Jesus. They will hear the story of Palm Sunday, The Last Supper and Good Friday.</p>
Communication and Language	<p>This term, the children will learn and use new vocabulary within everyday discussions. They will talk about things that have happened, are happening or are going to happen using the correct tense. The children will be asked open ended questions to support their critical thinking and use of spoken English. They will continue to develop their listening and attention skills and be able to use them in a range of situations. The children will be looking at fiction, non-fiction and poetry books related to journeys and animals, such as 'Whatever next' and 'Farmer duck'.</p>
Physical Development	<p>This term we will be continuing to look at healthy life styles and begin to understand the effects of exercise on our bodies. We will continue with our daily JumpStart Jonny program and develop new skills to develop our ability to move in different ways, whilst negotiating the space around us in our daily physical development sessions outside. We will also be learning gymnastics during our weekly P.E sessions.</p>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	<p>Children will continue to be supported to self-regulate and manage their own emotions. They will develop a positive sense of self and develop confidence in their own abilities. They will learn how to manage and resolve conflicts, take turns and understand the feeling of others. They will be exposed to new experiences and be able to adapt their behavior accordingly. They will develop a 'can do' attitude and persevere when challenges arise.</p>
Literacy	<p>Our school is a book-led curriculum and the children will experience a range of texts across the term, both fiction and non-fiction. The children will have daily phonics, through the Sound Start Phonics programs which includes reading and writing activities. The children will also engage in guided reading sessions. The children will develop a love of writing through the children's interests and practical tasks. The children will learn how to write cvc, cvcc words, phase words, tricky words and also use writing as a means of communication within the EYFS setting. Writing experiences will take many forms in Reception from writing shopping lists in the role play home corner, designing and labelling in the construction area.</p>
Mathematics	<p>The children will be looking at 'zero' and comparing numbers to 5. They will also be exploring the composition of 4 and 5, learning about 6,7 and 8, pairs and combining groups to 10. Also, they will be looking at the numbers 9 and 10, comparing numbers to 10. In their shape and space learning, they will be looking at 3D shape patterns. In addition, the children will be comparing mass and capacity, length/measuring and time.</p>
Understanding the World	<p>This term, the children will be looking at light and sound through the topic of Space. They will also be learning about the season of Spring and changes. The children will also be exploring pushes and pulls and exploring animal toys. Within the computing curriculum, they will be exploring 'digital readers' and 'digital designers'. Furthermore, the focus will be on transport and events beyond living memory and they will be doing a local study of Holy Family church and the surrounding area.</p>
Expressive Arts and Design	<p>During this term, the children will learn and perform stories and songs for others. They will safely use and explore a variety of media and materials and experiment with colour. They will use their own ideas to create props and resources to support story telling. We will also be focusing on the artist, Jasper Johns and Henri Matisse and looking at 3D sculptures.</p>