## **Holy Family Catholic School Reception**





Subject	Focus
Religious	<u>Easter</u>
Education	Within the Easter unit, the children will learn about the story of Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. They will be able to identify the Easter Candle and know that it is a symbol of the season.
	Pentecost The children will explore the story of Pentecost and the transformation in their lives after receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. They will also know some of the symbols the church uses to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost.  Prayer
	During this unit, the children will learn about some of the reasons why Christians pray. They will know that prayer is an important form of communication with God. They will take part in prayer liturgies and write some prayers of praise and thanks.  Baptism
	The children will learn that at Baptism they are given a Christian name and be able to identify a few symbols. They will visit Holy Family Church and look at the font. They will take part in a role-play scenario to help develop a greater understanding of the celebration. They will also be to talk about Jesus being the Light of the World.
Communication	In summer term, the children will have the chance to develop their vocabulary and speak in
and Language	longer sentences using the correct tense (past, present and future). The children will be exposed to tier 2 vocabulary, through our text driven curriculum and have the opportunity to
	apply this new language in a range of situations. They will also be asked open ended questions to support their critical thinking skills. They will continue to develop their listening and attention skills and be able to 'talk and do'. The children will be looking at fiction, non-fiction and poetry books related to Growing and Under the sea, such as 'The Enormous
	Turnip' and 'What the ladybird heard at the seaside'
Physical	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 be engaging in Cosmic Yoga to practice mindfulness and
Development	refining our ability to move in different ways, whilst negotiating space in daily physical development sessions. We will also be learning skills related to games and athletics during our weekly P.E sessions.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Children will learn how to manage and resolve conflicts, take turns and understand the feelings of others. They will also have opportunities to try new activities and show confidence doing this. The children will also be mindful of the expectations within the class and explain their reasons for these expectations. The children will be working to reach their learning goals and be able to work and play co-operatively, by taking turns.
Literacy	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.
Mathematics	The children will be looking at numbers to 20 and beyond, they will be exploring counting patterns beyond 10 after they have developed a deep understanding of the numbers to 10, in the Spring term. They will also be learning and applying language, such as 'First, then and now'. The children will be learning to add more and take away, using counting apparatus. Furthermore, the children will be revisiting doubling, sharing and grouping. Towards the end of the term, the children will have opportunities to deepen their mathematical understanding/making patterns and relationships.
Understanding the World	This term, the children will be looking at Growing and Life Cycles. They will be learning about the parts of a plant, what plants need to grow and planting seeds and beans. They will also be exploring the lifecycles of butterflies and chickens. As the seasons transition, the children will be looking at the season of Summer and exploring changes. They will be learning about changes in nature, what clothing is appropriate in Summer and places people may visit in the summer, e.g. the seaside, which then leads into their learning of 'under the sea'.
Expressive Arts and Design	The children will develop in confidence with their performance skills and imagination, through representing their own experiences and through stories they have read. They will safely use and explore a variety of media and materials and use their own ideas to create props and resources to support story telling. They will also be exploring sculpture/collage artists and painting with mixed media. Furthermore, the children will be able to talk about what they have created and explain the process they have used.