



St Mary Queen of Martyrs Voluntary Catholic Academy

Term: Autumn 1

Year Group: Foundation Stage 1

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- This term, we will be making pumpkin soup, using a choice of healthy fruits and vegetables.
- We will teach the children to understand how others might be feeling as well develop their understanding of other people's reactions and emotions.
- We will be helping the children to understand rules and why they are important. We are encouraging independence, remembering the rules without needing an adult.
- We will be playing with one or more other children, extending and elaborating play ideas.
- We will aim to help the children to find solutions to conflicts and rivalries.

Communication and Language

- We are always reading to the children in Foundation Stage 1. We are helping the children to enjoy reading longer stories and developing their retelling skills.
- We are constantly talking and interacting with the children, using a wider range of vocabulary.
- Everyday, we are using two-part instructions such as "Put your coat on and wait at the door".
- We will be listening and singing to a large repertoire of songs and learning new nursery rhymes.
- We will be encouraging the children to speak in longer sentences of more than 4 words and to be able to express their points of view.

Mathematics

We will be learning to:

- Develop fast recognition of up to 3 objects, without having to count them individually ('subitising')
- Recite numbers up to 5 and beyond when ready
- Say one number for each item in order: 1,2,3,4,5
- Know that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total ('cardinal principle'). Show 'finger numbers' up to 5. Link numerals and amounts: for example, showing the right number of objects to match the numeral, up to 5.
- Make, recognise and understand AB patterns (e.g. +-+--)
- Count by rote up to 10 and speaking using positional language (e.g. up, under, next to)

All objectives regarding number are practised continually throughout the year to ensure that the children have the necessary understanding.

Religious Education

This half term, we will be focusing on a number of topics.

- We will be continuing our topic on Baptism, learning all about the sacrament of Baptism and what we might expect to see in the church.
- We will be studying Judaism, looking at and comparing Jewish artefacts, Jewish events and celebrations.
- We will then move onto our topic of Advent, learning about the way Christians prepare for Jesus' arrival.
- As always, we will continue to work with our children on developing their interactions, feelings and emotions with others through the stories of God and Jesus from the Bible.

Literacy

- The children will be developing their listening skills, using percussion instruments to tune into sounds and talking about sounds.
- The children will be learning some nursery rhymes linked to our topic of seasons and celebrations, whilst developing the key principals of Talk for Writing.
- We will be reading stories to the children, daily, to help enhance their language skills.
- We are encouraging the children to write their names.

Physical Development

During this term, we will continue to help the children develop their skills using one-handed tools (e.g. scissors) and showing a preference for a dominant hand. We will also be continuing to help our children use the correct grip when holding pens and pencils.

Now that the weather is getting wetter and colder, we will continue to encourage independence when putting on coats and using zips.

We will be looking at developing movement, balance and ball skills too.

Understanding the World

This half term, we will be learning about celebrations around the world and in our own culture.

We will be looking at our families and making sense of our own life-stories and our family's history.

We will celebrate our differences, continuing to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people.

During Autumn, we will be exploring lots of natural materials through hands-on exploration.

Expressive Arts and Design

In our creative sessions, we will be joining different materials and exploring different textures. We will also be developing the children's ideas and deciding which materials to use.

We will be remembering songs for our Christmas play singing in the correct pitch.

Whilst creating bonfire and firework pictures, we will be focusing on colours and colour mixing as well as expressing our feelings about the event through art work.