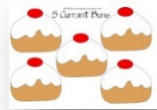




A Bright Future For Myself, My School and My Community



Communication and Language



During this first term of Nursery, we will focus on speaking, listening, attention and understanding. This is a very important area of learning that your child needs to develop. We will use lots of pictures, props and resources throughout our play and learning to help develop your child's communication and language skills. During this first term, your child will experience hearing many nursery rhymes and have read to them many traditional tales. Please encourage this at home. You can go to the local library and look for traditional tales and nursery rhymes books. You can even go online to sing along lots of songs with your child. It is really important that your child hears songs and books several times. **Please go to the school website: Curriculum-EYFS-Nursery. You will find many nursery rhymes to sing with your child.**

Physical Development

Your child will learn many skills over the year to help develop their mark making. These skills will take time and that is why it is very important that your child is exposed to lots of finger exercises. Cutting, playing with play dough, doing up zips, fastening buttons and picking up small objects with tweezers are all excellent activities to promote good fine motor skills. We also encourage the children to play in the garden to access the large activities to develop their whole body skills such as running, hopping, jumping and riding bikes.

Understanding the World

The children will learn about the world around them from how things grow to what we need keep us fit and healthy. We also use dressing up clothes



Dear Parents,



September 2018 Autumn 1

Welcome to Nursery at St. Mary's. We are very excited to welcome your child to Nursery at St Marys.

During the first few weeks of the new term, your child will have a home visit from the class teacher and an early years practitioner. It will be a lovely opportunity for us to see your child in their home environment and this will help your child feel relaxed around us. After their home visit, your child will come to Nursery with about 7 or 8 other friends to join them. We do encourage parents to say goodbye at the door and then leave promptly. The children are in very safe hands and with very experienced staff who will ensure every child settles in well.

Please bring in a labelled bag of spare clothes for your child that will be left in school and a pair of wellington boots. Your child will only need to bring in their book bag on a **Tuesday**.

This term the children will be learning many wonderful nursery rhymes and traditional tales this term. Please take some time every day to sing and read with your child so they can familiarise themselves with these songs and stories.

We are very excited to announce that Parents will be invited to a Nursery Rhyme tea party at the end of the term. Dates will be given to you nearer the time.

We look forward to seeing you in the new term.

Miss Macklin, Mrs Wiblin, Mrs Choudhry and Mrs Raman

to role play people in the community and talk about our home lives.

Personal, Social and Emotional

During this first term, we will ensure your child is settled into Nursery, feeling safe and happy in their new environment. It is very important that as parents, you talk about Nursery life, asking what they have done during their session. Your child will also need to become familiar with the routine so again, ensuring they come in everyday and on time so they do not miss out on any learning opportunities is important. Your child will be learning all about following rules in school and getting to know their peers.

Mathematical development

We will be singing a range of mathematical songs to encourage your child to learn how to count and to recognise numbers 1 -5. Also learning about shapes in the environment. There are lots of wonderful number songs to sing with your child on the school website. **Please go to curriculum-EYFS-Numeracy.**

Literacy

Your child will learn to recognise their name and letters within their name. We will also introduce phonics at a later date in the year. Please encourage your child to hold a pencil and mark make on paper. This will develop their writing skills later on in their school life.

Expressive arts and design

Children will be encouraged daily to use a range of materials to create art work. They will also be given the opportunity to use musical instruments and express themselves through movement and dance.

