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Nursery

Year Group and Staff Nursery

Ms Pikiewicz and Mrs Mostowa

Listening Walks

This term we will learn how to listen out for sounds in the environment in preparation to learn our sounds.

This is the very early stages of phonic acquisition where we will be learning the letter "sound" not the letter "name". This will enable children to use these sounds to blend them and read later on.

Maths

Children in Nursery will learn how to count to 10 through song and rhymes. They will be able to recognise all numbers to 5.

They will use language for measuring and comparing (e.g. bigger, smaller etc.). They will learn the names of 2D shapes and find them in the environment.

Physical Development

Children will learn to look after themselves including how to get dressed or undressed.

They will also be encouraged during snack time to independently peel their own fruit, insert straws into milk cartons and/or drink from cups without spilling.

R.E.

For RE lessons we will be using the new Religious Education Directory branch 1:

Creation and Covenant - Discussing God's wonderful Creation, how He created us all unique and how He loves us ALL.

We will also look at Catholic Social Teaching and the areas of Stewardship and The Dignity of the Human Person.





In PE lessons we will be exploring music and movement and using large PE equipment to develop gross motor skills.

Children will learn about the importance of exercise for a healthy lifestyle .

NB: please make sure all items of clothing have your child's name on.

Ourselves



Children will be looking at themselves and their bodies in detail and will produce self portraits.

We will explore the 5 senses and what they are used for.

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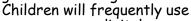


Understanding of



Children will explore the school environment and become familiar with the Nursery area first and then explore into the "big school" for some observing and learning

In Nursery children will use iPads and laptops to interact with age appropriate software like maths games or reading stories.



digital cameras to capture images and share them with their friends.



They will also use programmable toys. Last, but not least they will learn about how to keep safe online.



Children will be encouraged to role play with other children (in small groups) showing they can take turns, share toys and listen and respond to others.

They will also learn about the importance of our health and how we can keep healthy.

They will be encouraged to become more independent in looking after themselves.

Helping your child at home

Try to use any opportunity to encourage children to count (steps, cups, coins, anything!)

Most importantly, help them to become more independent. Ask them to dress or undress themselves and to use their words when asking for things (avoid pointing etc.)



We will use different media to encourage children to explore which ones they like best (paint,

crayons, watercolours, chalk etc)

We will also be doing junk modelling to explore art in 3D.



Reading

We encourage daily reading with your child. Please read with your child every day. Once you have heard your child read, ask them questions about the book.

Feel free to sign and comment in the reading record before returning it to school.

A member of staff will then read with

your child and change the books for the following week.

