

St. George the Martyr C of E Primary School

Termly Curriculum Information for Parents - Nursery

What your child will be learning about this autumn term
and how you can help at home

Literacy

Nursery will take part in daily **'Story Time'** sessions where the teacher reads a story aloud to the class, modelling reading with expression and enjoyment, and helping to foster a love of reading. In the first half of term, we will be focusing on reading stories, poetry and non-fiction books linked to the topic **All about me** and reading the following texts: *Ketchup on your Cornflakes*, *Dear Zoo*, *Titch*, *Knuffle Bunny*, *Shark in the Park on a windy day*, *We're going on a bear hunt*, *Naughty Bus* and *Dow by the Station*.

In the second half of term, we will be focusing on stories, poetry and non-fiction books about **Celebrations** and reading the following texts: *Handa's Surprise*, *Platypus and the Birthday Party*, *Diwali information books and videos*, *The Quiet Little Firework*, *Shark in the dark*, *Lanterns and Firecrackers: A Chinese New Year story*, *Goldy Locks and the Three Bears*, *Hanukkah Bear*, *The Nativity Story* and *Oh No! Shark in the snow*.

Children will learn vocabulary linked to the story of the week and engage in story talk in the role play and small world areas of the learning environment. Children will be encouraged to create their own stories and increase their use of descriptive language.

Children will take home a **sharing book** each week. A **sharing book** is a book from the class library that the child has chosen themselves, to share with an adult.

During child initiated activities, children will make marks and describe meaning to those marks.

During an adult directed writing activity, the children will practise forming the letters of their name correctly.

Things to do at home...

Please **read with your child** for 15 minutes every evening. It is the single most important thing that you can do to help them educationally.



Mathematics:

This term, Nursery will be learning the following:

Number:

Children will count numbers beyond 5. They will count objects with one number for each item (1:1 correspondence) and know that the last number reached when counting a set of objects tells you how many objects there are in total (cardinal principle).

Children will practise fast recognition of up to three objects (subitising).

Measure, Shape and Spatial Thinking:

Children will learn the names of common 2 dimensional shapes eg circle, triangle and square. They will learn to use mathematical language to describe these such as 'corners' and 'sides'.

Children will make comparisons between objects by describing their size and weight. They will make comparisons between quantities using the language 'more than' and 'fewer than'.

Things to do at home...

Go on a shape hunt in the local area. Where can you see circles, triangles & 4-sided shapes on the surface of everyday objects?

Time

Nursery will learn the days of the week and order key events in their daily routines.

Understanding the World

This term, the children will be learning **All about me** and about **Celebrations**.

During the first half of term, the children will learn about **themselves** and begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.

The children will be learning developing positive attitudes about the differences between people. Children will learn to describe what they look like, name things they like and give reasons for their choices. Children will learn to recognize and name some of their feelings.

Things to do at home...

Look at family photographs and talk to your child about members of your family and their relationship to your child, e.g. grandparents, cousins, uncles, aunts, etc.

During the second half of the term, the children will learn about **Celebrations**. The children will be learning to talk about past and present events in our lives and how we celebrate them, e.g. Bonfire Night, birthdays, Diwali and Christmas.

Things to do at home...

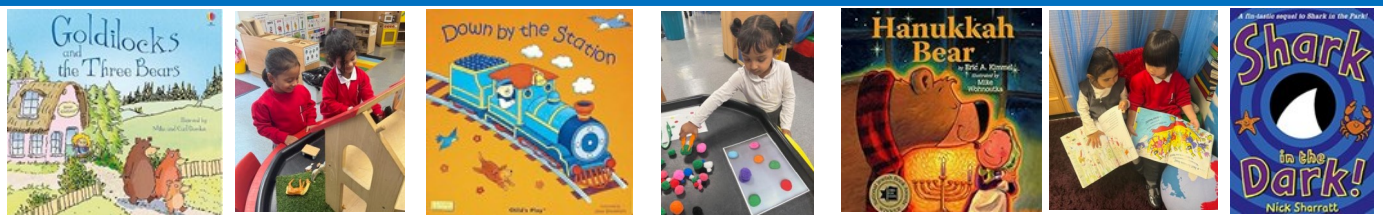
Discuss with your child how you celebrate their birthday, talking about celebrating with friends and family, eating special food, wearing special clothes etc.

Physical Development

This term, Nursery will practice dressing in their PE kits, including suitable plain black trainers. The children will be learning to move energetically, to demonstrate strength balance and co-ordination and to negotiate space and obstacles safely during **gymnastics** and **dance**.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term, the children will be introduced to our school **Golden Rules** and they will learn about the reasons for rules and routines in school and the classroom. The children will also be learning to develop positive relationships with adults and with peers: they will be learning to work and play co-operatively; to take turns and share with others; to make friends; and they will also learn how to deal with conflict.



Expressive Arts and Design

This term, Nursery will be using their creative skills to focus upon **junk modelling** using a range of every day objects and materials. They will be exploring paint and colour through **messy play** and they will be strengthening and developing their fine motor skills through modelling with **soft dough**.

Computing

Nursery will be learning about online safety and developing basic keyboard and mouse skills.

Things to do at home...

Here is a website that you can access at home: home.oxfordowl.co.uk. This is a fun website full of literacy and numeracy games, interactive games, online books and comics covering a number of learning areas.

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Who made the world wonderful and why?

Nursery will be learning about the Christian story of creation as found in The Bible and that Christians believe God designed and created the world and all living things. The children will be learning that Christians believe that God created and loves all human beings and that each living thing is precious and is loved and cared for by God. They will be learning about some of the things that make them precious and unique. Nursery will also be learning that Harvest is important to Christians and that Harvest Festival is a time for Christians to say 'Thank You' to God.

Why is Christmas special for Christians?

Nursery will be learning the story of Jesus's birth and about the emotions and feelings of the characters in the Christmas story. The children will also be learning about why Christmas is such a special time for Christians and how Christians prepare for Christmas. Nursery will be learning that God came to earth in human form, as Jesus, and that Jesus' birth brings a message of joy, peace and good news.

How can I help at home?

Encourage your child to look at and share a variety of books. Ask them to talk about what is happening in the pictures and see if they can tell the story.

Encourage them to look around them and talk about what they see and hear. This could be on the way to school, in the park, or on a shopping trip.

Read stories to your child and ask them questions about the text to help their understanding, e.g. *Why did that happen? Who said that?* Encourage your child to make the first sound in simple, familiar words.

Encourage your child to retell stories, using dressing up clothes and props.

Talk to your child about their family and cultural background. For example, food, clothing and language.

Use vocabulary from our topics at school—see our weekly Nursery newsletter for ideas.

Talk about farm animals, dinosaurs, traditional tale characters such as princes and princesses.

Encourage your child to be independent and organised in daily routines:

Can they dress themselves in the morning?

Can they brush their teeth properly?

Can they use a knife and fork?

Help your child to be organised:

- ◇ Have you got your **book bag**? Needs to be in school **every day**.
- ◇ Are your reading books inside it?