

# All About Me



Welcome  
back to a  
new term

and a big welcome to the  
new Nursery and  
Reception children who  
have just joined St  
Marys. We look forward  
to getting to know your  
children.

This term we are getting  
to know each other and  
learning about our new  
classroom.

We will learn how to use  
all the areas within the  
indoor and outdoor areas.  
We will design rules for  
how to play best together  
in all these areas.

## Communication and Literacy

It is vital that we all  
communicate. Listening is  
a skill

and

we

will

play

many

games to help develop our  
ability to listen to each  
other.



We read stories regularly  
with the children and use  
books to assist our  
learning and to develop  
children's interests.

Singing songs and role  
play also develops our  
communication skills

Show and Tell sessions build confidence and communication skills. Show and Tell should just include one item and nothing too precious, accidents happen!

### Physical development



Reception will have weekly time in the hall. This term Reception will need extra time and assistance to get changed independently. It is really important that families

help their children gain this independence.

During our hall sessions we will be exploring dance.

Healthy Eating and good lifestyle choices are also something we discuss during snack time and these PE Sessions.

### Personal and Social and Emotional Development

This term is all about settling the children in to their new



setting. This involves showing them how to use the classroom and the resources. We need to be respectful of the items in class and learn to look

after them and tidy them away.

We will have our Buddies to help with lunch times. Adults will show the children how to play at lunchtimes.

We will use our school value of Hope to assist us and will introduce the Learning hero, 'Independence.'

### Reading Books



In

Reception

we will all get a reading book to take home. We will share these stories with our families every day. The books will be changed weekly and adults will read with the children, so books need

to be in Book Bags every day.

Nursery will have the opportunity to choose a library book each Friday

### Phonics

In Reception we have daily phonics sessions which will focus on



games and mark making. Children will learn the pure sounds and adults should try to not put an extra 'uh' on sounds or say the capital sounds. We can give you literature to help with this or you can access many clips on the

internet. We follow the Read Write Inc. scheme.

In Nursery we will play regular phonic games involving listening to and identifying a variety of everyday sounds

### Numeracy

Number songs and games are really fun and a great way to help you children

123

become familiar with number

recognition. In Reception we will begin learning to count and understanding one thing is 1, two items are represented with the number 2 and so on. We will also explore 2D shape.

We like to use real problem solving whenever possible and these opportunities spring up at home too, such as "how many pieces of toast?" Etc.

### Understanding of the World

The seasonal change brings countless opportunities to explore our

Natural world.

We will also visit our

Forest school weekly. Please ensure children have wellies and a coat in school at all times as we go out whatever the weather.



ICT is also covered in this heading and we will have time with Laptops, IPADS, Interactive Whiteboards, Beebots and CD players.



### **Religious Education**

We use prayer every day to reflect upon our day and to be thankful. Reception will also attend an assembly once a week with the rest of the school. Reception will be

exploring the idea of celebrations this term. Nursery will have regular story sessions with the Rector.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

The role play area will be set up as a home corner to begin with and will then possibly change depending on the children's interest.



The children will have access to paints, play dough, junk modelling and also collage material. We will be learning joining skills and how to manipulate clay this term.

Percussion instruments are always available, as are many differing types of music via our Interactive whiteboard and CD players.

### Tapestry

We are very fortunate to have access to the Tapestry online journal system. This enables us to observe your children and assess how they are developing with the Early Years Profile. This information is shared with you and you can share observations from home with us so that we can build on your child's interests. Please talk to us if you require further information regarding Tapestry.

### Finally



Every morning a member of staff will be present at the entrance to Foundation Stage. Homework books are collected at this point and any additional Nursery collection notes can be left in the communication book in the tray.

Can we also remind you that we are a Voluntary Aided school and really appreciate your donations. These donations help us to enhance the activities for your child at school such as cooking. We also really appreciate donations of good condition toys, especially superhero figurines and dressing up. Please talk

with your parent rep  
about this.

Many thanks and we are  
all looking forward to  
getting to know your  
children. It is going to be  
a fabulous adventure.

