



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

## Termly Curriculum Information for Parents - Reception

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

### **Communication, language and literacy**

This term we will continue to use using the Read Write Inc. phonics programme to develop reading writing and spelling skills. The children will continue work on recognising sound and write these correctly. During adult focused activities the children will be encouraged to think of sentences and record these with support. They will also have opportunities to engage in independent writing activities throughout the day.

#### **Things to do at home...**

Practise the sounds at home:

Play phonics games with your child (e.g.: guessing the first sound in words, writing sounds in simple words, looking for sounds they know in story books.)

Play games such as 'I Spy..' and sing favourite songs and nursery rhymes.



### **Number**

The children will be learning to count and sequence numbers from 0-10 and beyond. We will compare numbers, making pairs and continue adding and subtracting numbers. We will begin recording quantities, reading and writing addition sentences. We will say what number is one more and one less than a number and learn to share out objects equally. We will continue to practise writing our numbers using the correct formation.

#### **Things to do at home...**

Sing number rhymes with your child and practise counting numbers to 10 and beyond. Find numbers around the environment with your child (e.g. bus numbers, door numbers, TV channel numbers and ask them what is one more than or one less than.)

**Shapes:** Practise recognising and naming a variety of 2D shapes and talk about how many straight sides each shape has. The children will work on making and continuing 2D and 3D patterns with repeated colours, shapes or sizes.

Can your child spot shapes when out and about. (What shape is the wheel on a car?, their favourite book?, an ice cream cone?)



## Religious Education

**Celebrating:** The children will talk about their own experiences of celebrations. The children will learn that people celebrate in church. They will recognise the story of Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the Temple.

**Gathering:** In this topic the children will explore the joy of gathering together to celebrate at Mass. They will learn that the parish family gathers in church to celebrate the Eucharist

**Growing:** The children explore their experiences and feelings about growing. They will learn that Spring is a time when things begin to grow. They hear about Lent, a special time to grow in love to be more like Jesus.

## Personal, Social, and Emotional development

Children will continue to learn about right and wrong and will be encouraged to reflect upon the consequences of their actions. They will be learning about the importance of friendship and what makes a good friend. The children will also be focusing on ways of keeping healthy and safe.

## Art

We will be focusing on painting skills and print making. The children will focus on different artists and use a variety of techniques to create unique work. Children will continue role play activities through use of drama, puppets, small world play, dressing up and activities in the role play area.

### Things to do at home...

Practise drawing and painting using a variety of resources e.g. vegetables for printing.



## Physical Development

The children will be focusing on gymnastics this term. They will learn to develop their overall body strength. They will work on balancing and moving in a variety of ways. They will work in as part of a pair and a small group to create routines involving balance and movement.

The children will participate in fine motor skill activities such as threading, modelling and using tools throughout the learning environment.

## Understanding the world

This term children will be studying science. Our first class topic will be 'Underwater'. During this topic we will learn about underwater environments, under the sea and rivers and ponds. The children will learn about both small and large underwater creatures.

During our 'Growing' topic next half term the children will have the opportunity to learn about different parts of plants and what they need to grow. The children will talk about their own experiences and favourite fruit and vegetables. They will begin to notice different flowers that grow within the environment as well as having the opportunity of growing their own plants.

**Food Technology:**

The children will be learning about food hygiene and what foods are healthy and nutritious. Throughout the term, the children will have the opportunity to make healthy snacks.

**Technology**

Children will continue to use a variety of computer programmes and the internet to develop our computer and keyboard skills. They will use a variety of electronic devices such as digital cameras, toys, remote controlled cars, walkie-talkies and beebots.

**Things to do at home...**

Practise using the keyboard and mouse with your child to draw pictures and write words.

## 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.

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

Help your child to be organised –

- ◇ Have you got your book bag?