



OUR CURRICULUM AT HOLY GHOST

A simple guide to what your child will learn

Year Group: Reception

Term: Autumn 1

Teacher: Mrs Hill

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below our curriculum for Autumn 1 term.

PHONICS

What we will be learning:

We will start Phonics in Week 4 using the **Little Wandle** scheme. This half term we will cover the Phase 2 sounds.

Sounds and tricky words:

- s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, e, u, r, h, b, f and l
- is, l, the

MATHEMATICS

What we will be learning:

This term, we will be building children's early maths skills in fun, practical ways.

Key knowledge and Skills:

- Subitising within 3
- Matching objects
- Sorting and comparing amounts

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

What we will be learning:

Children will develop their speaking and listening skills through stories, songs and everyday conversations. They will learn to listen carefully, share their ideas and use new vocabulary.

Key knowledge and skills:

- Engaging in story times
- Respond appropriately to instructions
- Follow 1 step instructions
- Use sentences of 4-6 words

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

What we will be learning:

Children will learn to build positive relationships, express their feelings and become more independent. They will develop confidence, learn classroom routines and begin to understand how to care for themselves and others.

Key knowledge and skills:

- Identify emotions
- Follow routines independently
- Beginning to make friends and play together

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT (FINE MOTOR SKILLS)

What we will be learning:

Children will develop their fine motor skills through activities such as drawing, threading, cutting and using playdough.

Key Skills

- Begin to safely use tools and equipment
- Begin to use the tripod grip when holding a pencil
- Making snips in paper either using one hand or two

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT (GROSS MOTOR SKILLS)

What we will be learning:

Children will build strength, coordination and confidence in their movements.

Key Skills

- Begin to use their core muscle strength to achieve good posture when sitting on the floor or at the table
- Explore balance and managing own body including manipulating small objects
- Able to stretch, reach, extend in a variety of ways and positions
- Able to control body and perform specific movements on command

EXPRESSIVE ART & DESIGN

Topic: Marvellous Marks

- Mark making with wax crayons, pens and chalk
- Observational drawings
- Drawing faces

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

Topic: All About Me

- Identifying parts of the body
- Explore the different stages of growth (baby to adult)
- Identify different senses

RE

Topic: Creation to Covenant

What we will be learning:

Children will learn about the Creation Story and how we can look after our planet. Children will then learn about the Sign of the Cross before moving onto the Sacrament of Baptism.

HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

Regular, short activities at home can make a big difference: read together regularly; practise number facts, talk about school topics; and encourage independence: for example tucking their shirts in, zipping up their coats and collecting their own belongings before leaving the house.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to an exciting and productive term of learning.

Kind regards,

Class Teacher: Mrs Hill