OUR CURRICULUM AT HOLY GHOST

A simple guide to what your child will learn

Year Group: Reception **Term:** Autumn 2 **Teacher:** Mrs Hill

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below our curriculum for Autumn 2 term.

PHONICS

What we will be learning:
We will continue learning our **Phase 2** sounds and **tricky words** whilst recapping previously taught sounds.

Sounds and tricky words:

- ff, ss, ll, j, w, x, y, z/zz, qu, sh, ch, th, nk, ng, plurals
- put, pull, full, as, be, has, his, hers, go, no, to, into, she, of, we, me

MATHEMATICS

What we will be learning:
This term, we delve deeper into the composition of numbers to 10.

Key knowledge and Skills:

- Part-part-whole models
- Composition of numbers to 10
- Common 2D shapes

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

What we will be learning:
Children will continue to develop their speaking and listening skills through stories, songs, discussions and everyday conversations.

Key knowledge and skills:

- Engaging in story times and discussing key events and characters
- Following 2-step instructions
- Speaking in full sentences to express ideas, needs and feelings

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

What we will be learning:
Children will continue to develop positive relationships with adults and their peers, learning the importance of kindness, sharing and taking turns. They will also build confidence and independence,

Key knowledge and skills:

- Recognising and talking about different emotions
- Building friendships and playing cooperatively with others
- Beginning to understand and respect the feelings of others

- Learning and using new vocabulary

- Developing confidence to try new activities and challenges

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT (FINE MOTOR SKILLS)

What we will be learning:
Children will continue to develop their fine motor skills through activities such as drawing, threading, cutting, using playdough and other hands-on activities. They will strengthen their hand muscles, develop greater control when using tools and begin to form letters with increasing accuracy.

Key Skills

- Using tools and equipment safely and with increasing control
- Developing a comfortable and effective pencil grip, including the tripod grip
- Using scissors to make snips and begin cutting along straight lines
- Developing hand-eye coordination through threading, building and manipulating small objects
- Beginning to form recognisable letters with increasing control
- Strengthening finger and hand muscles through fine motor activities

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT (GROSS MOTOR SKILLS)

What we will be learning:
Children will continue to develop their strength, balance, coordination and confidence through a range of physical activities and outdoor play. They will learn to control their body movements, move safely in different ways and develop greater awareness of space and others around them.

Key Skills

- Developing core strength and maintaining good posture when sitting and moving
- Improving balance and coordination through a range of physical activities
- Moving confidently in different ways, including running, jumping, hopping and skipping
- Demonstrating increasing control when stretching, reaching and changing positions
- Following instructions to perform specific movements and actions
- Developing spatial awareness and moving safely around others

EXPRESSIVE ART & DESIGN

Topic: Junk Modelling

- Cutting and scissor skills
- Choosing resources
- Temporary joins

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

Topic: Festivals and Celebrations

- Bonfire Night
- Remembrance Day
- Diwali
- Birthdays
- Christmas

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Topic: Promise to Prophecy

What we will be learning:
Children will learn about the Annunciation and the Christmas Story. They will also learn about Advent traditions and how Advent and Christmas are celebrated around the world.

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 zipping up their coats and collecting their own belongings before leaving the house. This half term there is a big focus on **tricky words**; practicing these at home will help continue to progress with their reading.

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

Kind regards,
Mrs Hill