

Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



EYFS

Autumn 2024 Newsletter



Welcome to the EYFS!

For those who are new welcome to St Andrews and for those who are returning from the Summer holidays, welcome back!

We are very excited to start the new school year and learn about the world around us!

New Curriculum

In the Early Years Foundation Stage there are 3 prime areas:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- Self Regulation, Managing Self, Building Relationships

Communication and Language- Listening, attention & Understanding, Speaking

Physical Development- Gross Motor skills & Fine Motor Skills.



In the Early Years Foundation Stage there are 4 specific areas:

Literacy- Comprehension, Word Reading & Writing

Mathematical Development - Number & Numerical Pattern

Understanding the World- Past & Present, People, Culture & Communities, The Natural World

Expressive Arts and Design- Creating with Materials & Being Imaginative and Expressive.

Autumn term

Our first half term is *Celebrating Me*. This is a great opportunity for staff and children to get to know each other and the rules and routines in class. The children will learn all about their emotions, families and friendships. Nursery will focus on a story book for 2 weeks at a time, whilst Reception are taking an immersive approach, following 1 story for 4 weeks. The story 'Blue Penguin' has a variety of themes within it that will drive the children's learning.



In the second half term, EYFS will focus on Poetry and Rhyme. Nursery will explore rhyming words whilst Reception are learning to hear poetry and understand onomatopoeia. Over the 4 weeks, they will also compose their own poetry and have some fun getting to perform poetry in class too!

Nursery- Shared reading books

Nursery will start by bringing home a storybook to share with their family. You can read the book together and talk about what has happened in the story, who is in it and where the story is set. Their Shared Reading book will be changed on a **Friday**. Nursery will also be starting phonics and looking at Phase 1 in the next few weeks.



Reception- Phonics/ Reading

Within the next few weeks **Reception** children will be starting their phonics and learning Phase 2 sounds. After half term, Reception will be sent home with a reading book and reading planner when they are confident with a few Phase 2 sounds. Please ensure you read with your child every night, it only has to be a couple of pages and it will help them to progress further with their reading. We will let you know which days to change your books on when they are sent home.

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In the first half term the children will learn about why the word 'God' is important to Christians. We will also be looking at other religions and why the word 'God' is important to them. The second half term will focus on why certain places are valued and why in different religions. We will be comparing different places of worships from two different religions.

P.E and Games

P.E lessons for **Nursery** will take place on a **Friday**.

P.E. lessons for **Reception** will take place on a **Tuesday and a Thursday**.

Reception will need to come into school already dressed in their PE kit.

The children will be working on their spatial awareness skills in the first half term and in the second half term they will be working on their ball skills using their hands.

We kindly remind you to make sure that your child is wearing a **sensible** pair of trainers for PE, preferably Velcro as it makes it easier for your child to take their shoes off and on.



Relationships and Health Education

(Personal, Social and Emotional development)- To the children this is known as Jigsaw.

In the first half term, the children will be learning about 'Being Me in my World'.

The children will be learning about a sense of belonging, being part of a school community and the wider community and rights and responsibilities.

In the second half term the children will be learning about 'Celebrating Difference.' The children will be learning about diversity and how it is ok to be different.



School Checklist

An Autumn term reminder- Please remember that your child needs to bring the following items to school:

- Book bag to hold reading planners, reading books, sharing packs and any letters that are handed out.
- A named hooded coat, hat and gloves as the weather gets colder.
- Named water bottle **with water, not squash please.**



Further information

At parents evening, you will receive your child's first '**next step**'. This will be usually be sent via '**Tapestry**' on a Friday so please look out for the '**next step**' to work on at home which will help your children with their learning and progress. It is essential to us this year to have a strong working relationship with parents in order to help children progress in their learning so we ask that you send any learning or '**WOW**' moments to us through Tapestry. We will be checking Tapestry weekly and replying to the children as well as sharing their achievements in class. It does not take too long to take a photo to upload and we would ask that you use this to send evidence of your children achieving their next steps at home.

'Welcome to CIL' Come and See Morning 9.10 - 10.10

Reception Friday 11th October, Nursery Thursday 17th October

We are really looking forward to a fabulous term, with lots of new learning and experiences for the children, celebrating **life in all its fullness**.

The EYFS team.

