



Parent Overview

Reception Class: Autumn 2025

This overview provides you with information about what your child will be learning during the Autumn term. In addition, all pupils will continue to learn about the Catholic Virtues and British Values as appropriate throughout the curriculum. This term the Catholic Social teaching focus will be Stewardship where 'Sofia the Sloth' helps to teach us how to care for God's gifts. If you require any further information, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Communication & Language and Literacy

This term we will be:



- Talking about story characters.
- Starting to write independently using our phonic skills.
- We will be writing different letters and sounds leading into writing simple words as well as practising name recognition and writing.
- Learning phonics. This will be taught every day and will underpin reading development. Further information will be sent home as term progresses.

Maths

This term we will cover:



- **Size, Mass & capacity**

Objects can be compared in order of size, encourage language such as big, little, large and small as well as tall, long and short.

- **Match and sort**

Find and match objects that are the same. Sort by size, shape, colour. Consider what is the same about a set of objects and what is different.

- **2D Shape**

Exploring circles and triangles, squares and rectangles noticing how many sides they have and shapes within the environment.

- **Number**

Composition of numbers 1-5. Identifying 1 more and 1 less.
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Religious Education



This term we will be

- Studying Creation and finding out about God's beautiful world.
- Finding out about Mary, Mother of Jesus, who is our class saint.
- Learning school prayers.
- Learning how to join in during whole school Mass and "Celebration of the Word."

Physical Development



This term we will be

- Doing lots of 'Funky Fingers' activities to prepare us for writing. These activities help strengthen finger muscles and arm muscles.
- We practise these skills through playdough, threading, using giant tweezers and more!
- Scissor control and using appropriate pressure

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This term we will be

- Learning to share
- Learning to play with friends
- Practising taking turns in games
- Trying new activities and developing resilience- even if something is challenging.
- Learning to follow school rules to ensure we are doing excellent learning.

Topic

This term our topics are: 'Will you read me a story?' (first half term) and 'Are we there yet?' after the half term holiday. We will also be covering festivals such as Diwali, Harvest, Bonfire Night and Christmas.

'Will you read me a story?' we will cover Goldilocks and the Three Bears- making porridge, acting out the story using masks and puppets. Story characters- princes, princesses, giants and witches- Who is a goodie? A baddie? We will make crowns, act out stories, change endings and attempt to write some simple captions using our phonic skills.

'Are we there yet?' we will play in a rocket, space craft role-play area, explore alien gloop when we read 'Aliens love underpants'. As well as looking at the magic of Christmas when we read 'The Polar Express', Christmas role play, and make stories based around train journeys and routes we design ourselves.

Other important information

PE

Reception has PE on Thursday. The children are required to come to school wearing a dark tracksuit (joggers, leggings, shorts, jacket) and the coloured t-shirt to match their school house (red, blue, green yellow). The children will remain in their PE kit all day.

Reading Books

As part of our Little Wandle phonics scheme. Your child will bring a phonetically decodable book home on a Wednesday after they have read this text with their reading leader three times. Please read with your child at home and sign their reading journal to inform us of their progress. Both the book and reading journal need to be handed in by the following Monday.

Important dates for the term

Monday 22nd September- Pre-School and Reception Welcome meetings 3.40pm

Friday 26th September- Macmillan Coffee afternoon 2.45pm

WC Monday 6th October - Phonics drop-ins

Tuesday 7th October- Individual and sibling photographs

Thursday 16th October- Parent consultation evening 4.00-7.00pm

Tuesday 21st October- Parent consultation evening 3.55-5.55pm

Thursday 23rd October - St Elizabeth's day of culture celebration

Monday 3rd November INSET day - School closed for children

Wednesday 5th November- St. Elizabeth's Feast day

Wednesday 26th November- Reception, Y1 & Y2 to 'Cinderella' Pantomime at Lichfield Garrick

Thursday 27th November- Flu immunisations

Friday 28th November - St Elizabeth's Christmas Fayre 3.45-5.45pm

Thursday 11th December - St Elizabeth's Carol service 6pm St John the Baptist Catholic Church - All welcome

Tuesday 16th December - Reception and Pre-School Nativity play for parents 2.00pm

Friday 19th December - Christmas jumper day

How to help at home

- Persevere with letting your child get dressed and undressed! We appreciate it is difficult when you are in a rush but it is an important skill we need your child to master. Label all clothes for school please!
- Read lots of stories, ask your child lots of questions and encourage them to make up stories of their own.
- Please do phoneme practice regularly, 5 minutes each night is preferable to 30 minutes once per week.
- Please encourage your child to write by mark making/drawing/holding pens/pencils/ paint brushes as much as possible to strengthen their fine motor skills.

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