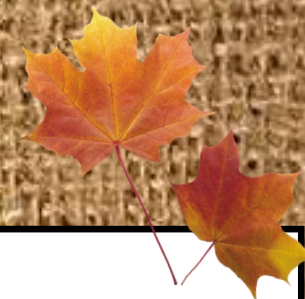




**Great Crosby Catholic Primary School**  
**Reception Curriculum Brochure**  
**Autumn 2— November 2023**



**Important dates for this Half Term- Reception Nativities;**

**RM (Miss Maguire)** Tuesday 12th December at 10am    **RG (Mrs Gray)** Wednesday 13th December at 10am

**RF (Mrs Francis)** Thursday 14th December at 10am    **RHL (Mrs Harvey and Mrs Lee)** Friday 15th December at 10am



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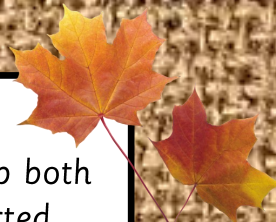
Our topic this half term is called 'Prophecy to Promise'. We will be looking at the birth of Jesus and each class will participate in a performance of the Nativity (see dates above).



**Physical Development**

We have introduced bikes and scooters to develop both our gross and fine motor skills. We have also started weekly PE sessions which the children really enjoy.

We will be doing lots of digging, as we will be planting bulbs ready for Spring.



**PSED**

This term we are continuing to develop our personal, social and emotional skills. Through games and play we will encourage turn taking and negotiating skills. These may be done within the classroom or the outdoor environment. We are encouraging the children to take turns when speaking and listening, as many can find this difficult.



## Communication and Language

Children's spoken language underpins every area of their learning and development. We foster a language rich environment and encourage discussion and interaction at every opportunity.

## Phonics

We have started our Phonics programme, Little Wandle. A booklet will go home every Friday, to show you what graphemes and phonemes we have covered during the week. We encourage you to support your child completing this booklet, looking for the sounds in the environment, books they are reading, etc. as this will help them when we start our reading books. During our phonics sessions, we do lots of oral blending, sounding out words and the children have to blend them together.



Phonemes and digraphs covered—  
s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c,k,  
ck,r,h,b,f,ff,l,ll,j,v,w,x,y,z

## Physical Development

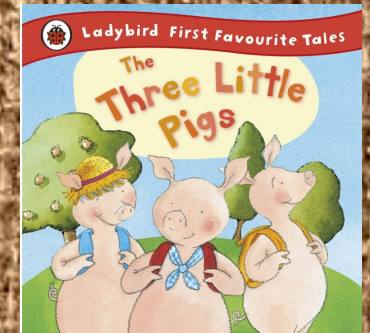
We have introduced our physical trolley into our outdoor area—which has hoola hoops, skipping ropes, bats and balls, etc plus our Basketball net, bikes and scooters.

## Mathematics

We teach a love of Maths through practical hands on experiences for the children. . Over this half term, we cover Composition and comparing of 1,2,3, representing numbers to 5, looking at 5 frames, composition and comparing of 4, 5, circles, triangles, squares and rectangles.

## Literacy

This term we will read the traditional tale 'The Three Little Pigs'. We will write wanted posters to help catch the Big, Bad, Wolf! We will celebrate National Nursery Rhyme week, 14th November, focusing on Humpty Dumpty, 1,2,3,4,5, Twinkle Twinkle , 5 Little Speckled Frogs. Also, we will be learning about spiders, reading information texts and a poem. We will share lots of Christmas texts and be busy writing lists, cards and letters to Father Christmas.



### Understanding the World

We have learned information about Spiders, using non fiction text and we find out lots of facts about them, we looked for them in our environment, observed their webs. We will also discuss the changes in our weather and discuss the different seasons. We will be planting spring bulbs in our outdoor area – look out for them then!



### Expressive Arts and Design

We have introduced a Craft Table in our shared area. This encourages the children be creative with a variety of resources and media—such as tissue paper, card, wool, gems, boxes, tubes, etc We are teaching the children skills such as cutting, tearing, scrunching and different joining skills. We will also look at the work of Kandinsky and create our own Kandinsky inspired art.



### Forest School

Each week a group of children from each class will go to our Forest School, within the school grounds. Here they can enjoy the freedom of nature. They will learn many new skills. Whilst in the woods they will look closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes. They will learn the awe and wonder of our amazing world, and discuss things that they can do to help look after it.

Although we provide waterproofs, please make sure your child has their wellies and suitable accessories during winter months ie hat scarf, thick socks, etc. All clearly labelled please.

### Snack Money

Thank you to everyone who has started paying snack money (£1.50 per child, per week), this term £10.50

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### Polite notice

We kindly ask that the children **do not** bring a back pack into school as we have no room to store these. The children only require their book wallet (with long strap removed as this is a trip hazard), water bottle (not to be placed in their book wallet as they can leak), a waterproof coat and a packed lunch if you have chosen not to have a school meal provided for this half term.

If your child is bringing a packed lunch into school, please also provide a drink in their lunchbox as their water bottle is kept in class.

Can we please ask for health and safety reasons that the children do not play in the