



Great Crosby Catholic Primary School
Reception Curriculum Brochure
 Spring 1 — January 2024



We hope you have all enjoyed a happy and safe Christmas with your families and thank you for your generous gifts and cards. This is a newsletter to inform parents/carers about the topics we will be covering this half term. We look forward to all the fun things we will be learning. Thank you for your support with encouraging the children to come into school independently. Throughout the year we will link learning opportunities to the children's interests.

To Know You More Clearly

Our topic this half term is called 'Galilee to Jerusalem'. We will be looking at the visit from the Wise Men, Jesus blessing the little children and The Feeding of the Five thousand.

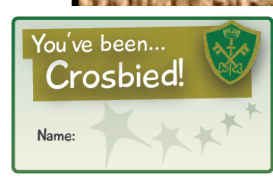
Communication, Language and Literacy

We will begin the term by looking at the story 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson. Which will lead nicely onto the children's interests of dragons and castles! In our shared area, we have set up a 'Dragon School' role-play area. The children are enjoying dressing as dragons and re-enacting the story together. We will continue to follow the children's interests through our Knights, Castles and Dragons topic over the next few weeks.



PSED

We are continuing to develop our personal, social and emotional skills. This term we will focus on maintaining positive relationships with others and learning to take into account the needs of other people. We will also be looking at the importance of good hygiene and self care. Children will continue to follow our school code of conduct and behavior policy throughout the school day; rewarding positive attitudes and behavior.



Phonics

We are following the Little Wandle programme for phonics. The children are showing great progress with their phonemes and we will continue to practise the graphemes ch, sh, th, ng, nk. This half term we will start teaching the digraph and trigraphs ai, ee, igh oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, er.



The children are also listening to and starting to blend simple words themselves. We do this through games such as saying "Can you touch your f-ee-t?"

Physical Development

We are continuing to strengthen both our gross and fine motor skills by providing the children with a range of indoor and outdoor gross/fine motor activities. The children especially enjoy the finger gym activities in class and these can be reinforced at home through– play dough, lego and simple threading craft activities. Physical development is undertaken within our outdoor provision through a range of activities. We are encouraging the children to zip up their coats independently. Could you please help them with this at home, too.



Mathematics

We teach a love of Maths through practical, hands on experiences for the children. This term we will learn about comparing and composition to 5, exploring numbers 6, 7 and 8, compare mass and capacity, making pairs, combining 2 groups, length, height and time.

Snack Money

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

Spring half term 1 (5.wks)- £7.50

Understanding the World

Through stories, poems and non-fiction books we will learn about Castles and Chinese New Year. We will be learning about similarities and differences between things in the past and now. We will begin to recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will learn how to draw dragons and castles, including adding details such as drawbridges and turrets. We will continue to develop our snipping skills and assembling skills when building 3D models. We will watch and talk about dance and performance art, express feelings and responses linked to Chinese New year celebrations, listening to different styles of music.

Forest School

Each week a group of children from each class will go to our Forest School, within the school grounds. This term they will be learning all about fire safety, enjoy making popcorn, make bird feeders, look at habitats, make shelters and enjoy planting. 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.

