



Great Crosby Catholic Primary School

Nursery Curriculum Brochure

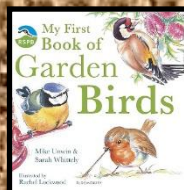
Spring Term 2026



We hope that you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and we would like to wish you all a very happy new year. We would also like to thank you for the generous gifts and cards we received at Christmas time. Throughout the year we will link learning opportunities to the children's interests. This is a newsletter to inform parents/carers about what the children will be learning in nursery. We are really excited this term to be developing our outdoors area thanks to funds raised by our amazing PTA. Keep an eye on the nursery playground!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term, we will continue to meet our own needs with growing independence. Lots of us have already enjoyed learning how to put on our own coat, some using the coat flip. We will begin to identify and express feelings more clearly and talk about how and why we feel.



How you can further support early reading

- Enjoy sharing a book every day with your child.
- Look at the front cover together and ask your child to suggest what the story will be about. Talk about the title and characters.
- Ask 'how' and 'why' questions and model thinking about these yourself out loud e.g. *I wonder why the fox said that to the Gingerbread Man?*
- Sing nursery rhymes and songs together.
- Play word games such as 'I spy' to help your child to hear initial sounds in words.

Communication, Language and Literacy

We will enjoy listening and responding to different texts to learn about birds as we take part in the Big Schools' Birdwatch and later on this term, the Lunar New Year. Great Crosby follow Little Wandle to support early reading and the teaching of phonics. This term we will introduce more new games to develop sound (phonemic) awareness and oral blending skills. We will learn the sounds (phonemes) **d**, **g**, **o**, **c**, **k** and **e**. We will also continue to recite different nursery rhymes each week.

Snack Money

Snack money is £1.00 per child, per week. The amount due this term is: Part time (15hrs) - £6.00 Full time (30hrs) - £12.00 Thank you!



Religious Education

We teach Religious Education through the programme '**To Know You More Clearly**'. This term the branch of learning is **Galilee to Jerusalem**. We will share scripture from the Bible and act out stories to bring the scripture alive. We will hear the 'Glory Be' and learn it is a special prayer. We will also learn how Jesus was born for everyone and show love to everyone like Jesus.

Physical Development

We will continue to develop our scissor skills and begin to cut along short, straight lines. In the water area and at snack time we will pour from small jugs with support. We will develop our skills in throwing balls overhead and catching balls. We will also learn how to use our new play equipment safely.



Mathematics

This term, we will develop our subitising skills, recognising amounts up to 3, without needing to count. We will begin to match and label amounts 1, 2 and 3. We will also develop our positional language and explore patterns.

Understanding the World

We will be taking part in the Big Schools' Birdwatch with the RSPB. We will observe birds that visit our school grounds. We will also learn about the Lunar New Year and how it is traditionally celebrated. If you visit Liverpool to celebrate Chinese New Year we would love to see your photos!



Expressive Arts and Design

We will explore different painting tools to create representations. We will mix colours and notice changes. As we learn about the Lunar New Year and the ways in which it is celebrated we will talk about dance and performance art.

Forest School

We will continue to enjoy Forest School sessions within the school grounds. We will learn many new skills. During our sessions we will look closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change. We will make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur and talk about changes. We will get to know the environment and the ways in which we can stay safe in the woods. We will learn about ways in which we can care for our Forest School and the wildlife that lives there. We will help to care for birds by making bird feeders. In this cold weather, we will need weather appropriate clothing such as hats and gloves. We will need a pair of wellington boots to be kept in Nursery and we will be given waterproofs to wear.