



Great Crosby Catholic Primary
School



Reception Curriculum Brochure

Spring 1 — January 2026



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.

Celebrations

We will share images, stories and have discussions about Chinese New Year and look at how it is celebrated.



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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.

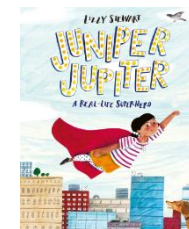
Children will continue to follow our school code of conduct and behaviour policy throughout the school day; rewarding positive attitudes and behavior with our 'You've Been Crosbied' tokens, stickers and certificates.



Communication, Language and Literacy

During this half term we will focus on the book "Juniper Jupiter" which is about a young girl who is a superhero and she is looking for a 'sidekick' to help her. It focuses on friendship and we will be discussing things we like in a good friend and what we can do to be a good friend.

The second part of this text looks at letter writing and what is needed to write a letter – expect lots of letters home!!



Phonics

The children are showing great progress with their phonics and we will continue to practise the phonemes and 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. We have sent these home for you to support and practise with your child.

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? Point to your b-a-ck." etc which then transfers into their reading and decoding simple words independently.



Physical Development

We are continuing to strengthen and develop 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, simple threading and craft activities.

Physical development is under-taken within our outdoor provision and during our weekly PE session on Thursday through a range of activities.



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 (£1.00 per child, per week).

This is to be paid online via the office.

Spring half term 1 (6 wks)- £6.00

Understanding the World

We will learn about Chinese New Year after half term. We will begin to recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways. If you get the opportunity to visit China Town during the holidays we would love to see some photographs of the different celebrations.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will continue to develop our snipping skills and assembling skills when building 3D models. Linked to 'Juniper Jupiter' text, we will be designing capes, masks and emblems for our own Superhero characters.

If anyone has any small tubes (toilet/kitchen rolls), we are making superhero cuffs.

Smoothies

On 21st January the children will be having a visit from Active Session, learning about healthy habits. The session will involve smoothie tasting. What a treat!

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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.

