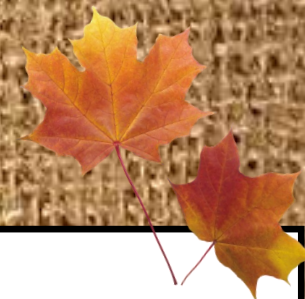




**Great Crosby Catholic Primary School**  
**Reception Curriculum Brochure**  
**Autumn 2— November 2024**



**Important dates for this Half Term- Reception Nativity**

We have our Nativity on Wednesday 10th December and Thursday 11th December at 10 am in the large hall.  
Parents and carers are allowed to attend either dates (maximum of 2 adults per child per performance).



**To Know You More Clearly**

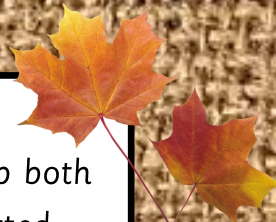
Our topic this half term is called 'Prophecy to Promise'. We will be looking at the birth of Jesus and hope you join us celebrating our Reception Nativity performance (see dates above).



**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 also play lots of games outside using our games trolley and open ended loose parts.



**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 has been sent home at the start of this term indicating which 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 phonics sessions, we do lots of oral blending, sounding out words and learning of tricky words.



## Mathematics

We teach a love of Maths through practical hands on experiences for the children. Over this half term, we will 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.



Phonemes and digraphs covered—  
ff,ll,ss,j,v,w,x,y,z,zz,qu,ch,sh,th,ng,nk



## Literacy

This term we will read the book 'The Leaf Thief' by Alice Hemming. We will follow Sam the squirrel's journey to find out who could have stolen his leaf. We will be aware that a sentence starts with a capital letter and end with a full stop. We will read phrases and some simple sentences, applying phonic knowledge and we will look at rhyming strings. We will then share lots of Christmas texts and be busy writing lists, cards and letters to Father Christmas.



## Understanding the World

We have explored our local area and looked at changes within our environment. We have explored pumpkins, conkers and many other Autumn treasures!



## Snack Money

Snack money this term x7 weeks = £10.50  
Autumn 2, to be paid via the school office

## 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), a water bottles (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 remind you to label everything including, shoes, gloves, scarves and hats. The weather has been cold and it is important that children have appropriate clothing for the weather. Books are to be returned in the wallets on **Monday** morning. **Please remember to enter in the reading diary how often you read. It's lovely to see how much you and your child share the love of reading.** Can we please ask for health and safety reasons that the children do not play in the Reception outdoor after school. Thank-you

## 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 will 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.

