



Great Crosby Catholic Primary School

Nursery Curriculum Brochure

Spring Term 1 2025



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 this half term in nursery.

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 be learning how to help to clean up after we have eaten at snack times by washing and drying our cups, plates and bowls.

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.



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.

Snack Money

Snack money is £1.50 per child, per week. The amount due this term is: Part time (15hrs) - £9.00 Full time (30 hrs) - £18.00 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 the following scripture, *The Wise Men visit Jesus (Matt 2:1-12)*, *Jesus welcomes the little children (Mk 10:v16)* and *The Feeding of the 5000 (Jn 6:1-14)*. 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 both our fine and gross motor skills through daily provision and through play. We will also enjoy early writing activities such as 'Dough Disco'. These will help us to hold pencils for mark making and writing and to be able to use one-handed tools like scissors with good control.



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' Bird-watch 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.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will create our own birds using craft materials. 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.