



# Great Crosby Catholic Primary School

## Nursery Curriculum Brochure

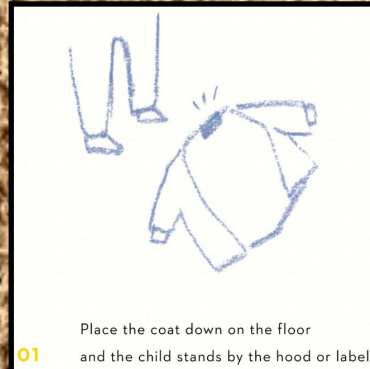
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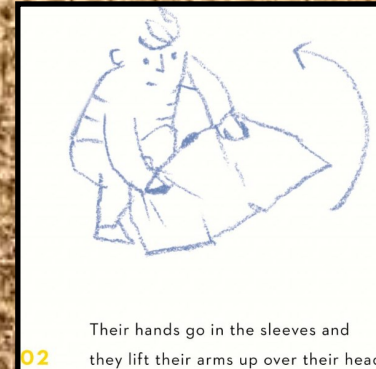
We hope that you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and we would like to wish you all a very happy new year. We would also like to thank you for the generous gifts and cards we received at Christmas time. Throughout the year we will link learning opportunities to the children's interests. This is a newsletter to inform parents/carers about what the children will be learning this half term in nursery.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

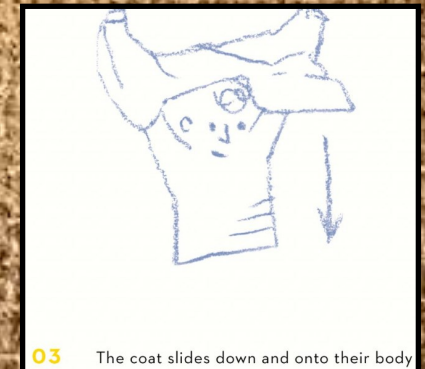
This term, we will continue to meet our own needs with growing independence. Lots of us have already enjoyed learning how to put on our own coat before going outside. We will also be learning how to help to tidy up after we have eaten at snack times by washing and drying our cups, plates and bowls.



01 Place the coat down on the floor and the child stands by the hood or label



02 Their hands go in the sleeves and they lift their arms up over their head



03 The coat slides down and onto their body

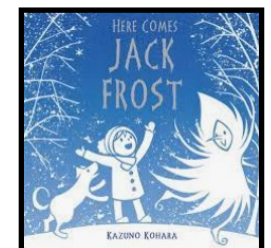
### The Montessori Coat Flip

(Images taken from 'The Montessori Toddler' by Simone Davies)

### Communication, Language and Literacy

We will enjoy listening and responding to different texts to learn about the Lunar New Year and we will also read texts that link to winter. Great Crosby follow Little Wandle to support early reading and the teaching of phonics.

This term we will introduce new games to develop sound (phonemic) awareness and oral blending skills. We will learn the sounds (phonemes) **m, d, g, o, c, k** and **e**.



## Come and See

We deliver Religious Education through the Come and See programme. This term we will be covering the topic 'Celebrating' and will begin the topic 'Gathering'.



## Celebrating

**Prior learning:** children will have experienced celebrations at home.

### This Topic: learning outcomes

Know and understand:

- what a celebration is – **Explore**
- how the parish family celebrate – **Reveal**
- acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above – **Respond**

## Gathering

**Prior learning:** what a celebration is and that the parish family celebrates in church.

### This Topic: learning outcomes

Know and understand:

- how and why people gather together – **Explore**
- the joy of gathering together to celebrate at Mass – **Reveal**
- acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above – **Respond**

## Mathematics

This term, we will explore the numbers 3 and 4. We will continue to develop our subitising skills, recognising amounts up to 3, without needing to count. We will learn about number composition and will further explore 2D shapes including triangles, squares and rectangles.



## Understanding the World

Through different texts, we will learn about the Lunar New Year and how it is traditionally celebrated. We will also learn about winter and enjoy ice investigations.

## 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.



## Forest School

We will begin 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 be given waterproofs to wear.

## Expressive Arts and Design

We will watch video clips of Lunar New Year being celebrated and talk about dance and performance art. We will also explore texture to create wintery scenes and paint with ice cubes!



## Home School Link

The children will continue to choose a book from our class library to bring home and share with you. If your child does not have a book bag they are available from the school office and cost £5.50 each. Please return the library books to nursery in your child's book bag each week on the following days:

- NBW/Full time children– Monday
- NEW– Wednesday

## How you can further support early reading

- Try to 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

Thank you to those who have paid snack money so far. Snack money is £1.50 per child, per week. The amount due this term is:

Part time (15hrs) - £7.50 Full time (30 hrs) - £15.00 Thank you!