



# Great Crosby Catholic Primary School

## Reception Curriculum Brochure

### Autumn 1 — September 2023



We are pleased with how well the children are settling into their new classes. 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. This is a newsletter to inform parents/carers about the topics we will be covering this half term.



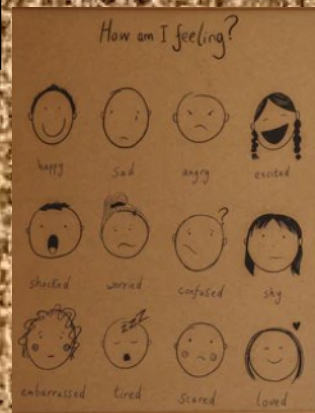
#### To Know You More Clearly

From September 2023 children in Reception will be following the new Religious Education curriculum, 'To know You more clearly'.

RE is outlined in branches and follows Hear, Believe, Celebrate, Live lenses. The first topic that we will be learning about is Creation and Covenant. We will be reading scripture of Genesis about God creating our wonderful World.



Children will explore the classroom and become familiar with the rules and routines, taking responsibility for our belongings and resources. They will begin to recognise their own names and practise writing it, especially on their own work and pictures, using their unique name card.



#### PSED

We will work hard to ensure that your child feels safe and secure at school and endeavour to support their mental well-being. We will introduce the school code of conduct and we are learning our class rules and routines. We are busy trying to make new friends and learn all their names. We are singing songs to help us with this. We are encouraging children to share and take turns.



## 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. We will be introducing our 'Chatter Bags', which will give children an opportunity to talk about themselves and things that interest them (more details to follow shortly).

## Phonics

We have started our Phonics programme, Little Wandle. A booklet will go home every Friday, to show you what 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 environment, books they are reading, etc. as this will help them when we start our reading books.

## Literacy

We have already read a number of books about starting school, and over the next few weeks we will be learning about ourselves and our families. Some of our key texts will include 'Our class is a family', 'All about Families'. Later this term, we will be listening to various rhymes, some familiar and some new. There will be lots of opportunities for drawing, writing, making lists, signs and sending letters.

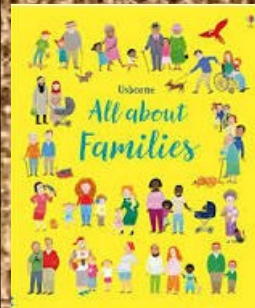
## Physical Development

Physical development is undertaken within our outdoor provision through a range of activities. We go outside in all weathers so please provide a pair of wellies for your child if you have not done so already. These will be stored on the boot racks outside each classroom. The children also require a waterproof coat.

We will also be starting weekly PE lessons on Thursdays from Thursday 28th September.

## Mathematics

We teach a love of Maths through practical hands on experiences for the children and will be following White Rose Maths this year. This term we will be focusing on matching & sorting, comparing amounts and comparing size/mass and capacity and also exploring pattern. This will then lead onto representing, comparing and composition of the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We focus on a numbers through rhymes, number recognition, counting actions and objects and counting forwards and backwards.



## Understanding the World

During our topic 'Creation and Covenant', the children will talk about members of their immediate family and community. They will discuss similarities and differences

between themselves and others.

We will use our investigative skills to explore the natural world, mini beasts and the properties of materials.



## Expressive Arts and Design

We draw self portraits and look at our features closely. In our shared area we have a wide selection of crafts for the children to explore and develop new skills, focusing on tearing, cutting and scrunching. They can experiment with different media such as paint, pastels, fabrics, play dough, water, sand, etc. The children can access loose parts, to develop their creativity and imagination in making pictures.



## Forest School

After October half term, 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 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.

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.

## Snack Money

Thank you to everyone who has started paying snack money (£1.50 per child, per week), this term £9.00

Autumn half term 1- £9.00

Autumn half term 2- £12

## Polite notice

We kindly ask that the children **do not** bring a back pack into school. The children only require their book wallet (with long strap removed as this is a trip hazard), water bottle (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 ask for health and safety reasons that the children do not play in the Reception outdoor area once collected from school.