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Welcome On behalf of all the staff at St. Mary's Primary School, we would like to say a huge 'Welcome' to you and your child as they begin their learning journey with us.

Working with parents is so important to us and we would love you to send us photos of things that your child is doing at home.

Mrs Norgate is our teaching assistant and will be supporting the children in their learning and Miss Dunstall will also be in our classroom once a week.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- This is so important as your child settles into school, makes new friends, learns how to play cooperatively and turn take.
- focus on building relationships and learning routines
- exploring feelings and how to manage them.

Communication and Language

- focus on developing each child's confidence in using language. There will be a lot of opportunities to express themselves, extend their vocabulary and to speak and listen in a range of situations.

Physical Development

Gross motor skills - jumping, running, climbing, throwing and catching..... so many opportunities in our outside areas! Including our range of bikes and scooters that all come out for Bike Friday.

Fine motor skills - funky fingers to develop muscles for writing, as well as many other activities to develop the pincer grip.

Literacy - listening to and learning well-known stories, poems and songs. We will also be learning to read and write our names.

Phonics - we follow our own school scheme and will share more information on this with you soon so that you are able to support your child. Letter formation is incorporated into our phonics lessons. Watch out for our weekly newsletters and videos to help you support your child's learning.

Reading - Share some of the 100 books at home with your child. Please read every night before bed as this is a perfect opportunity to develop your child as a learner and reader! We will be sharing picture books in school and developing a 'love of reading'.

Writing - we will be modelling writing for different purposes across all areas of provision; shopping lists in the home corner, making plans in the construction area, signs around the classroom and recording the children's ideas. The children will be encouraged to join in alongside us.

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Mathematical Development



- counting to 10 and beyond, composition of numbers to 5, representing numbers; fingers, pictures, objects

We will be using Numicon and other concrete materials to develop our sense of number as well as using lots of natural materials to count, organise and group to help with our counting. We will also be singing lots of number rhymes to develop your sense of one more and one less.

Expressive Arts and Design

- exploring paint, clay, playdough, joining methods, colour mixing, songs, rhythm and pulse.

Every week there will be a range of explorative activities and a chance for your child to show how creative they are and to use their imagination.

Reception Baseline Assessment: Parent Information

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074327/2022_Information_for_parents_reception_baseline_assessment.pdf

Understanding the World

- finding out about ourselves, our bodies, our senses, how we grow and change, and ways to keep healthy and safe.

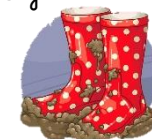
- Finding out about our Christian Values; starting with Love. Then Perseverance, Hope, Courage after half-term.

- Exploring 'why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?' and finding out about other festivals such as Harvest Festival (October), Diwali (November), Remembrance Day (November).

Forest School

Please wear OLD clothes, arms and legs must be fully covered. Waterproofs, welly boots. Layers for warmth. The children will be outside for most of the day.

First Session: Wednesday 21st September



A chance to learn outside, develop their social skills, learn to mark-make and develop their fine and gross motor skills as well as learning about the world around them.

Important Dates

Friday 16th September - Non-uniform day for Harvest Fair (please contribute chocolate or a bottle)

Monday 19th September - Bank Holiday for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II

Friday 23rd September, Harvest Eucharist - please send your child with a gift for our Harvest Festival.

2pm - Welcome 'Tea and Chat'

Saturday 24th September - Village Event: Harvest Fair

Tuesday 27th September - Individual school photos

Thursday 29th September - Meet the Teacher at 3.30pm

Tuesday 11th October 9.15am 'Six weeks in' meeting

Friday 21st October - INSET day

TBC - Phonics Information Session

Thursday 8th December - Christmas Production 1.30pm/5pm.

PARENTS HELPING: We would welcome parents to come and help with reading, Forest Schools, gardening, village walks, trips, etc - please contact the Office to book a DBS check, then let me know when you can come in. Thank you!



CLASS DOJO -

Communication is important to us - please do use the message feature to contact us or send us an email if you have a worry. We will be sharing pictures and comments to show what your child has been up to!

General Reminders - If someone else is collecting your child, then please let the office know.



We are a NUT-FREE school

Book Bags - Please bring these in everyday. Reading Logs will be checked daily and we want to work with your child as much as possible,

Water Bottle - Please bring in daily and ensure it is named.

Always ensure your child has a named waterproof coat - we will be outside every day no matter what the weather.

THINK WEATHER! hats, gloves, sunhats, sunscreen?

Please make sure everything is **NAMED**.