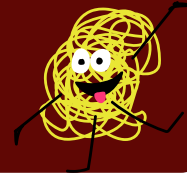




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Literacy

This half term, we will be helping the children to build their early reading and writing skills. We will be learning to:

- Recognise and read our own names.
- Learn and recognise different letter sounds.
- Have a go at writing our names, making sure we form each letter correctly.
- Read and write simple words using the sounds we have learned.

Supersonic Phonics Friends

We will begin with Firm Foundations in Phonics, helping the children to develop their listening skills and become familiar with sounds.

When the children are ready, we will move on to Supersonic Phonics Friends – The Basics 2. We will learn sounds in small groups and use them to read and write simple words:

- Group 1: s, a, t, p
Group 2: i, n, m, d
Group 3: g, o, c, k
Group 4: ck, e, u, r
Group 5: h, b, f, l
Group 6: ll, ff, ss



We will also learn some tricky words. These are words that children need to learn to recognise by sight:

his, as, is, has, of, to, the, no, go, I, into

Reading at Home

Reading books will be sent home once the children have settled into school.

We ask that children read at home at least 3 times a week. Please record and evidence each reading session in your child's reading record.

Please don't worry if your child doesn't bring home a book with words straight away. We will make sure children are confident with segmenting and blending sounds before they are given a book containing words to read.

Thank you for supporting your child with their early reading journey!

Mathematics

At Sacred Heart, we follow the Mastering Number programme to help children develop a strong understanding of early maths.

This half term, we will be building on what the children already know from home and nursery. We will be learning to:

- Recognise and count numbers and objects.
- Quickly recognise small amounts without needing to count each object (this is called subitising).
- Explore how numbers can be made in different ways, focusing on numbers up to 5.
- Compare groups of objects and talk about which group has more, fewer or the same.
- Use mathematical language when talking about numbers and quantities.



How you can help at home?

Maths is all around us! You can support your child by counting everyday objects, looking for numbers, spotting small groups of objects without counting, and talking about which groups have more or fewer.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

This half term, we will be helping the children to settle into school, feel happy and confident, and develop positive relationships with others.

We will be learning to:

- Become familiar with our new classroom and school environment.
- Learn and understand our school rules and routines.
- Make new friends and learn how to play and work together.
- Make choices and begin to understand the choices we make.
- Talk about and identify our emotions and how we are feeling.
- Begin to understand how our feelings can affect ourselves and others.

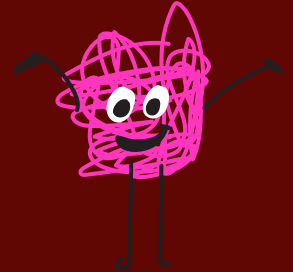
We will encourage the children to talk about their feelings, build their confidence and develop the skills they need to become happy, independent learners.

Topic (Understanding of the world and Expressive Arts and Design)

This half term, we will be learning all about feelings and how they can affect us.

The children will be learning about:

- Different feelings and emotions.
- How different situations can make us feel.
- Our heart and what it does.
- Our breathing and how it can change when we feel different emotions.
- How we are all different and special.
- Different ways we can manage our feelings and help ourselves feel calm.



Religious Education

At Sacred Heart, we follow the Religious Education Directory.

This half term, we will learn that God made the world and everything in it, including us. We will also begin to learn about the Sacrament of Baptism and what it means.



Diversity

We will be celebrating how everyone is unique and special.

We will share the stories The Family Book by Todd Parr and You Choose by Nick Sharratt. These books will help us to talk about families, choices and the different things that make each of us special.

We will encourage the children to notice, respect and celebrate our differences and understand that being different is something to be proud of.



Physical Development



This half term, Mr Barlow will be introducing the children to PE through Units 1 and 2 of the Get Set 4 PE programme. Indoor PE lessons will take place every Thursday and will be delivered by Mr Barlow. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit every Thursday.

The children will also take part in a handwriting sessions each week. Initially, we will focus on developing the correct hand and finger strength needed for good handwriting. We will have lots of fun with activities such as the crocodile snap!

Throughout the week, the children will have access to a range of resources and activities in our indoor and outdoor classrooms to help develop their fine and gross motor skills.

These activities will help children develop their strength, coordination, balance and control, providing them with the important foundations they need for handwriting and physical development.



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