

WELCOME

'Play is the highest form of research' Albert Einstein

Early Years Foundation Stage

Nursery is part of The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). During this time children will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through seven areas of learning and development. Children mostly develop the three prime areas first. These are:

Communication and Language; Physical Development ; Personal Social and Emotional Development. The prime areas will help them develop skills in four specific areas. These are: **Literacy; Mathematics; Understanding the World; Expressive Arts and Design.** Through the EYFS, children learn by playing and exploring, being active and by creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and in our outside spaces.

Religious Education

Our topics this term include Domestic Church, Baptism and Advent/Christmas. We will also look at Judaism.



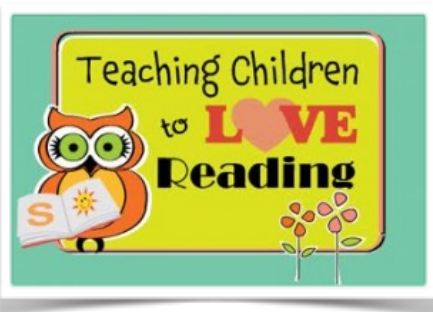
Dear families, welcome to Our Lady and Saint Joseph's Nursery!

We feel privileged to be sharing your child's first stepping stone of education. This is where the adventure begins! It will be a year of magical moments and amazing growth for your little star.

The focus during these first few weeks of your child's school experience is on ensuring the children feel safe, secure and happy in the environment and begin to become aware of the rules and routines here. Our aim is to nurture their curiosity and confidence and promote important character traits including independence and perseverance.

Dinosaurs

We will begin this half term looking at the topic Dinosaurs. We will be reading stories and rhymes as well as completing lots of arts and crafts activities. Our focus books are "How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?", "Dinosaur Roar" and "Dinosaurs Love Underpants".



How you can help

A good night's sleep and a good breakfast to set the scene for a positive and productive day.

Resist always doing things that the children can do for themselves. In particular, encourage them to be feeding and dressing themselves.

Read daily, talk LOTS, play, sing songs ...REPEAT!

Reminders

All children should be wearing navy blue joggers or leggings as requested in the Nursery pack. Thank you for bringing in a spare change of clothes. Accidents do happen and we want your child to always feel comfortable. Do ensure that your child's name is on all items including their coats and jackets.

Soon your child will receive a book bag, a book and yellow diary to fill out each week. They will also have a home-school book where we will share school prayers, rhymes and other topic work for you to look at. Also, Mr. Barnaby Bear will be going home with one lucky child each weekend and we look forward to hearing about what he got up to with you during that time.

Throughout the year the children will learn rhymes, songs and stories. They will be exploring sounds and letters and building up their gross and fine motor skills in preparation for writing.

We aim to tailor topics to suit the children's needs. Working around their interests, we will provide varied and exciting learning opportunities. We will look at Seasonal changes throughout the year as well religious celebrations.

You are your child's first and by far most important educator. We believe that **working in partnership** with you will be key to their success. Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns at any point throughout the year.

We look forward to our coffee morning with you all on Friday 22nd September at 9am where we will be sharing more about what's in store this year.



The Nursery Team:

Miss O'Donovan, Miss Marshall, Miss Esbrand, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Vanessa and Mrs Sonia.

