












Our Lady and St Joseph Curriculum Newsletter



Autumn Term- Reception

Dear Parents, a warm welcome to OLSJ and to Reception Class. The children are settling in well and they are getting used to the school's routines. Our focus, especially this term, is to create an environment where children feel safe, happy, cared for and listened to. See below for an overview of the curriculum for the Autumn Term.

	PSED	Children will be encouraged, through modelling, class activities and choosing time, to develop their independence, confidence and to build strong relationships with peers and adults in class.
	C&L	We will focus on developing listening and speaking skills through carpet sessions, story time and group or one-to-one work. We will also encourage children to introduce a narrative during role-play, small world and imaginative play.
	PD	Weekly PE sessions will help us explore ways of moving our bodies and using different kinds of equipment. In class, we will focus on fine motor skills to improve pencil grip and accuracy when mark making and forming letters.
	Literacy	At OLSJ, we use <i>Floppy's Phonics</i> Scheme. Children will learn phonemes and graphemes (sounds and letters) and to use them to read and write simple phonetically decodable words. Daily story time and weekly focus texts will be the core of the Literacy curriculum in Reception, with the aim of developing children's lifelong love for reading and writing.
	Maths	We will focus on counting, recognising and understanding the composition of numbers to 10. We will also learn to make patterns as well as to recognise 2D shapes.
	R.E	The new EYFS RE Curriculum is divided into six branches. In Autumn, we will cover the first two: 'Creation and Covenant' and 'Prophecy and Promise'. We will listen to the Creation story and the Nativity story. We will also look at Judaism.
	UtW	We will begin by talking about ourselves and our families, what makes us the same but also different. We will also explore and observe nature around us as we move into Autumn and Winter.
	EA&D	We will create art whilst experimenting with colours, design, texture and different mediums.
	Music	In music, children will be introduced to different rhythms and the different instruments of the percussion family. We will also be singing lots of songs!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Homework due in. <u>(This will start after Autumn half term)</u> - PE session with Mr. James. Come into school in PE kit.		-Parent reading morning (in class, 8:45-9:05)	- Homework given out, due back on Monday. <u>(This will start after Autumn half term)</u>	

We will work very hard to ensure your child has the best possible start to their life in school. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions as your support at home is equally precious to guarantee the best progress for your child.

Many thanks,

Mr Cotter