



Our Lady and St Joseph Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term- Reception



Dear Parents, a warm welcome to OLSJ and to Reception Class. 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	This term, children will develop their fundamental movement and ball skills , before moving on to gymnastics , developing balance, coordination and different ways of moving.
	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 5. 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.
	UtW	We will begin by talking about ourselves and our families and 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 this term, Reception will be exploring the building blocks of music, experiment with playing different instruments and doing lots of singing and musical games.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
-Parent reading morning (in the library, 8:45-9:05)	- PE session with Mr. James. Come into school in PE kit.		- Homework given out, due back on Wednesday. (<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