

Early Years Curriculum

The Early Years Curriculum framework will help your child to develop appropriate skills, knowledge and experiences within the following **prime areas** of learning and development:

Communication and language development involves developing their confidence and skills in expressing themselves; and helps them speak and listen in a range of situations.

Physical development involves encouraging them to be active and interactive; and to develop their co-ordination, control, and movement. They will also be helped to understand the importance of physical activity and making healthy choices in relation to food.

Personal, social and emotional development involves helping them to develop a positive sense of themselves, and others; to form positive relationships and develop respect for others; to develop social skills and learn how to manage their feelings; to understand appropriate behaviour in groups; and to have confidence in their own abilities.

Specific Areas:

Literacy development, Mathematics, Understanding the world and Expressive arts and design.

We will start an electronic Learning Journey for each child which will be a record of their progress in these areas. It will include photographs and observations of your child at Nursery. To celebrate your child's achievements we may send messages electronically via Marvellous Me.

Holy Family Autumn Term 2018 Newsletter



We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer and welcome all of those children and parents who are joining us this term. Starting Nursery is a very exciting time but can also be a little scary! Please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Crossley or Mrs Smith if you have any worries, concerns or questions.

We understand what a big step this is and how it may be the first time you have ever left your child. Most children will settle quickly but some will cry. We do understand how distressing it can be to leave your child upset but wish to reassure you that they will be well looked after and should you wish you can always telephone to check that they have settled.

Groups

We have three groups which are named after woodland creatures and these are - Dragonflies, Ladybirds and Butterflies. The children have been grouped but may move in the next few weeks once initial assessments have been completed. They will work with a different adult each half term and move groups throughout the year.

Key Workers

In Nursery your child will be assigned a member of staff to be their key worker. The key worker will work with your child and liaise with parents/carers to ensure your child's care and educational needs. Should you have any queries regarding this role please feel free to speak to Mrs Crossley or Mrs Smith.

Topics

This is an important term for making lots of new friends. As your child settles into their group and learns the routines of nursery we aim for them to become independent in a number of everyday tasks.

We are starting this term with the topic 'Weather'. The children will be talking and participating in activities about the weather and the clothes we wear for different conditions.

After half term we will move onto looking at Autumn and other celebrations before we focus on Christmas.

Clothing/Belongings

Please ensure your child has a warm coat with them each day particularly as the term progresses. Help them to become independent at putting this on and taking it off and hanging it on their peg and please ensure everything is named.

Book bags need to be taken into nursery, children will put their bags into their special animal box.

Forest School

Forest School will be every Thursday. If children can bring in named wellies or waterproof shoes and a suitable waterproof coat.