



Welcome to St Catherine's

EYFS Curriculum Letter

Autumn Term 2016

Class Teachers

Miss Pereira (Vivaldi Class)

Mrs Butler (Mozart Teacher)

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Heighington

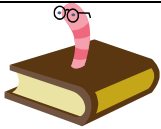
Mrs Bacon

Morning Routines

- A member of staff will open the far gate each morning at 8.50 a.m. Children are not allowed in the EYFS outdoor learning environment in the morning without a member of staff supervising.
- Each morning book boxes will be put outside (weather permitting). Please can you help your child to put the bag away in the correct box.
- Lunch boxes will go in the big round tubs.
- Sign up for school dinners for the week on a **Monday** (if possible). A list will be left outside each classroom door. H is for hot meals, V is for vegetarian and P is for school pack lunch.
- Children are allowed their own drink bottle. Please place in the box provided each morning.

School Uniform

Uniform for Reception children is navy blue joggers, school sweatshirt, school t-shirt, trainers. Children are not expected to wear formal school uniform. If you choose to send your child in formal uniform please ensure they come to school dressed for PE on Monday and Friday.



Library Day

Every **Friday** your child will take home a library book. Please ensure library books are returned to school on Fridays so that your child can change their books.



PE Days

ALL children need to wear their PE kit to school on the PE days. This will start the week beginning 12th September.

PE days are every Monday morning and Friday morning



Home Learning

Homework goes out on a Thursday and is to be returned the following Thursday. Please put yellow home learning folders in the box provided.

This term the focus of the home learning will be learning letter sounds. Each week your child will bring home Jolly Phonic Sound Sheets. Please help your child to learn the sounds and actions, practise the formation of the letters and if you have time colour the pictures in. To extend your child's learning, if they know the sounds, they can begin to write word lists using the sounds. For example;

s, a, t, p can make the words sat, pat, at, tap.

Once your child knows all 19 sounds from Phase 2 (s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r, h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss) we will send home a reading book with words and high frequency words to learn.



Bug Club Bug Club

All children have a user ID and password in their reading record books. This is an online, interactive reading programme to support your child's reading at home. To access the programme you need to use google chrome and the following address;

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login>

What will we be learning?



This year we will be following a scheme of work by Cornerstones. Our first topic will be 'Do you want to be friends?' The children will explore friendships, being kind and working together.

To launch our topic please can your child bring a soft toy friend to school the week beginning the 19th September. Please can you write your child's name on their toy.



We follow the Hertfordshire RE Syllabus and will start with 'Why do people have celebrations?' The children will explore birthdays and harvest time. Then we will explore 'Why do some religious people celebrate?' The children will explore the festival 'Divali'.

The topic 'Do you want to be friends?' is divided into 4 areas; Engage, Develop, Innovate and Express.

Engage: The children will explore who helps them in their school environment, talk about memorable experiences, daily routines and finding a friend.

Develop: This will be an opportunity to present to the children a range of activities and experiences linked to the topic and where planning will include the children's interests.

Innovate: The children will explore the question 'What does friendship look like?' We will be using jelly babies to explore this aspect.

Express: The children will reflect on the terms work and will explore the question 'What do you know about friendships?'



Communication and Language

Throughout the term the children will listen to a range of stories linked to our topic; Lost and Found, Have you filled a bucket today? Enemy Pie and Fox makes friends.



Physical Development

The day will start with a 'Busy Fingers' session which will include a range of activities to develop fine motor skills and explore using a range of tools and materials safely. In PE, the children will explore using a range of small and large equipment.



Personal, social and emotional development

Throughout the term the children will engage in a variety of activities that will develop the following areas; Making relationships, Self-confidence and self-awareness and Managing feelings and behaviour.



Literacy

Phonics will be taught everyday using Phonic Bug. The children will be learning letter sounds, how to blend and segment words and how to form the letters. They will use a variety of texts linked to our topic, to develop their reading and writing skills.



Mathematics

The focus this term will be; recognising numbers and shape in the environment, reading, writing and counting amounts up to 10 and then beyond, finding 1 more and 1 less from a group of objects, using and talking about 2D and 3D shapes and exploring length and weight.



Understanding the world

The children will be focusing on People and Communities. They will be learning about friendships and celebrations. They will explore signs of autumn in their immediate surroundings starting with an autumn walk.



Expressive arts and design

In art, the children will have the opportunity to use a range of materials, media and techniques to enhance the topic. In music, they will sing a range of songs and explore making sounds using a range of instruments. Our role play areas this term will be a Home Corner and a Cafe.



For health and safety purposes please can you not allow your child to play with the resources set up in our outdoor area in the mornings or after school.



Dates for your diary (Please check the school website for up-to-date information)

| Date | Event |
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| Monday 12 th September | Reading and Phonic workshop at 1.15 in the infant hall. <i>(You will be allowed to leave your child in Reception while you attend the workshop)</i> |
| Tuesday 11 th October | Parent Consultations |
| Thursday 13 th October | Parent Consultations |
| Monday 24 th - Friday 28 th October | Half Term |
| Monday 5 th December | Occasional Day |
| Wednesday 21 st December | Term Ends 1.15 p.m. |