

# St Charles R.C. Primary School. Foundation Stage Home Information Letter.

**Class: Nursery September 2016**

**Investigative theme: What is Special about me /Harvest**

Dear Parents/Carers

In this first letter I wanted to explain the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum to you to help you understand how your child will learn and develop throughout the year.

The EYFS Framework explains how and what your child will be learning to support their development.

Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through **7 areas of learning and development**.

Children usually develop the **3 prime areas** first:

- **Communication and language;**
- **Physical development;**
- **Personal, social and emotional development.**

These prime areas are those most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning.

As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in **4 specific areas**.

These are:

- **Literacy;**
- **Mathematics;**
- **Understanding the world;**
- **Expressive arts and design.**



These 7 areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities. We as professionals will teach and support your child and will make sure that the activities are suited to your child's unique needs. This Early Years Framework is suitable for very young children, and it's designed to be really flexible so that staff can follow your child's unique needs and interests.

Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside.

This Autumn half term our topic is 'What is special about me' and in the learning area of **Communication and Language** the children will be focusing on:

- Listening to rhymes, songs and stories about ourselves and Harvest time.
- Getting to know each other and learning names
- Investigating the writing area
- Starting our Nursery diaries.
- Encourage the children to talk about what they see, hear, think and feel,
- Use the puppets to encourage confidence in the children.
- Recording our voices
- Baseline (first assessment)

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In the learning area of **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** we will encourage the children to;

- Settle in
- Make friends and sharing and taking turns
- Learn the rules of the Nursery
- The areas of the Nursery – resources etc
- Personal Hygiene
- Learning routines of the school day
- Knowing about ourselves – what we can do
- Baseline

In the learning area of **Mathematics**, we will focus on

- Using simple mathematical language to describe shapes
- Using shapes to make pictures and patterns
- Using simple mathematical language to describe size
- Baking
- Talk about quantities
- Allow children to investigate sand and water, adding sieves, containers, spoons and scales.
- Colour sorting
- Number games/matching
- Appropriate jigsaws
- Colour mixing
- Baseline

In the area of **Understanding of the World** we will investigate

- Ourselves – our bodies; senses, body parts, bones
- Our families; who's who, other families, baby/family photographs, how we are all different, reflections
- Favourite foods, Favourite toys, Favourite clothes etc
- looking after ourselves; washing, hygiene routines, healthy eating
- Computers – how to use the mouse, choose a program, using the drawing programme
- Harvest/ farms/ food \_\_\_\_\_ Make bread using 'Little Red Hen' story
- Baseline

In the learning area of **Expressive, Art and Design**

the children will;

- Draw – self portrait, our families
- Role play – home corner and school
- Painting – easel; colours, mixing colours
- Collage – faces, collage bodies
- Baseline

In the learning area of **Physical Development** the children will be;

- Aware of space
- Group games; ring, group and playground games

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- How we feel after exercise
- Gaining control over fastenings when getting dressed and undressed for P.E sessions
- Using a correct pencil grip and gaining control with mark making implements
- Using and holding scissors correctly
- Baseline

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During this first half of the Autumn Term the children will be learning about God's World and about some of the wonderful things that God has given us. They will be introduced to appropriate hymns, songs and prayers for worship.

### **General comments**

All the fun activities that you do with your child at home are important in supporting their learning and development and have a really long lasting effect on them as they progress through school. Always remember that you are your child's first teachers!

**Please remember that your child needs a set of spare clothes in a pump bag to keep in school.**

**Please remember the weekly Nursery Fund £1 donation we rely on this contribution to buy baking and birthday presents for the children.**

Kind Regards

Mrs Starkie

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