

St Alban's Catholic Primary School

Nursery Newsletter

Autumn 1

Welcome to Nursery! We are so excited to be spending the next academic year with you, and can't wait to share some of the exciting things that we will be learning about. Our topic is called 'All About Me' and we will be exploring why we are special, and how we are feeling about being in school.

Personal, social and emotional development

We will all continue to work together, taking turns, sharing and helping others through a variety of activities. We will be encouraging self-help skills such as putting their coats on by themselves and hanging it up in the correct place.



Communication Language and literacy

We will be listening to stories, singing rhymes and lots of talking about our topic. The activities planned will help to develop our listening skills and story telling skills.



Mathematics

To develop our learning in maths linked to our topic, we will be looking at size, sorting and positional language. We will be counting to 5/10/20 and above. Recognising and writing numbers, and using numbers in our play

Understanding of the World

We will be talking about our families, and why they are special to us. We will use the computers and the iPads to support our learning across the curriculum.

Physical development

Children will take part in a variety of outdoor and indoor activities that focus on fine and gross motor development and we will experience the effects of exercise on our bodies. We will explore different ways to move to music. To help develop the children's coordination skills, we will continue to use a range of small equipment such as bats, balls, ropes, hoops and beanbags.

Expressive Art development

We will be undertaking lots of messy activities including painting, clay work, junk modelling and cutting and sticking. The children will be reminded that they need to wear an apron, but sometimes they can still get a bit messy (sorry!) We will also be doing lots of singing and using musical instruments to accompany our songs.



Activity Money

Please can I remind you that 'activity' money is £1 per week.
Thank you to everyone who makes a voluntary contribution, we really appreciate it and it allows us to carry out extra activities like cooking and food tasting and buy extra snack for the children.

There are many ways in which you can support your child's learning:

- Continue to talk to your child about what happens at Nursery.
- And talk about our topic All About Me – Read stories and talk about what is happening.
- Count objects on the way to Nursery e.g. "How many red cars can you see?"
 - Sing songs that we have been learning at Nursery.
- Talk about the Book of the week, number of the week, letter of the week.
- Encourage your child to do things for themselves e.g. putting their own coat on and going to the toilet by themselves.

We are always grateful for donations of any unwanted toys that we can add to our learning environment. Please speak to a member of staff if you have anything you are able to donate.

Dates for your diary this half term

Half Term holidays – wk comm 23rd October 2017

We are always available to deal with any worries or concerns that you may have. Please come and speak to us in the first instance to resolve any problems.