



St Alban's Catholic Primary School

Nursery Newsletter

Summer 1 2018

This half term we are looking at a range of different stories by the author Julia Donaldson.

Personal, social and emotional development

We will be welcoming new friends to the nursery and will be encouraging all of the children to be independent and helpful to others.



Communication Language and Literacy

We will start by looking at the story of The Gruffalo. We will have a sensory outdoor walk and will be using language to describe the different sensations. As Julia Donaldson uses lots of rhyme in her stories we will be playing lots of rhyming and listening games to extend our learning further. As always, we will continue to develop our reading by having a sound of the week, where we encourage children to bring in objects which begin with a specific sound. We also have our story bags which are available to borrow each week, and daily access to our class library.



Mathematics

We will be continuing to master our knowledge and understanding of number. We will be starting from 1 and will be investigating a new number each week. We will also add a shape to our learning focus starting with a circle as it has 1 curved side.

Understanding of the World

This half term we will hopefully be outside lots, and will have lots of opportunity to explore the school grounds. Through our RE teaching we will learn about the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and we will be using the remote controlled car, the beebots and the keyboard.

Physical development

We will continue to use squiggle as you wiggle to help us to form our letters and will use Dough Disco to help our fingers to become nice and strong. Outdoors we will be playing team games and will be focusing on throwing and catching skills to help us to play ball games.

Expressive Art development

As we explore the different characters in the stories we will use different techniques to make each of the main characters; using a variety of materials. We will act out and retell the stories using role play and small world equipment.

Activity' Money

Please can I remind you that 'activity' money is £1 per week.

The total amount for this half term is £6. Thank you to everyone who makes a contribution, we really appreciate it and it allows us to buy new toys and carry out a variety of activities such as baking, food tasting and visiting the local shops.

Activity money can be handed to any member of the team.

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

- Talk to them about what they have enjoyed. Is there anything that they want to learn more about?
- Sing! Make up songs to the tune of nursery rhymes that they already know. Encourage them to do the same. Listen to nursery rhymes on You Tube and encourage your child to sing to you.
- Read! Sometimes the best times in our classroom are story times. The children LOVE listening to a good story, and talking about what they liked.
- Share your child's library book with them – showing them that books are fun and interesting is a great way to encourage them to read.
- Borrow a story bag, talking sack or Number bag, and use the learning resources at home.
- Please support us in allowing your child to become increasingly independent at home; having a go at putting on their own coats, attempting to do up buttons and zips, and putting away their belongings.

Key Dates for this half term will be posted on our class dojo story and will be put on the parent notice board in the classroom. Please keep up to date with the exciting things that are happening. If you are unable to access the app, please speak to a member of the team.

There is some availability for additional sessions within nursery for this term. If you have any additional childcare needs or would like to increase your child's sessions, please speak to Mrs Royle.

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.