

## Curriculum Information - Foundation Spring 1

Hello boys and girls! Welcome back to a new half term!

We hope you had a lovely half term holiday with your family and friends, thank you for all your Evidence me photographs and videos!

Our topic for this half term is '**Winter Woolies**'. We will begin exploring the changes that happen during the season of winter and why things freeze and melt. In maths we will also look at subitising and the composition of numbers 3, 4 and 5! In phonics, we will be looking at '**Nature Shapes**' exploring how we can see lots of different shapes and hear different sounds in nature.

In R.E we will begin with our unit of **Christmas** where we will look at the Nativity story and Jesus' mother, Mary. We will then move on to our unit, **God our Father cares for us**. The children will learn about how we are part of God's big family.



Don't forget to send in all your family observations using the

'Evidence Me' app as we love to see what other learning experiences your child is experiencing.

Thank you for your continued support with morning routines. We really feel the children's independence and confidence has flourished now they are coming into the classroom by themselves. We really want to continue with this as begin our Spring Term.

- Please bring in book bags only
- Please bring in wellies in for the children to keep in school
- Please bring in a water bottle for your child to have - please label
- It is really important that all **clothing and belongings are labelled** with your child's name. This will avoid any items being lost.

**TOY FUND!** - Thank you so much already for all our fantastic donations to the toy fund! The children have enjoyed lots of messy play already within our continuous provision, exploring pumpkins, making potions, playdough and this half term we will be getting some more special books to add to our lovely reading area!

We love to keep resources nice and be able to buy resources when children have particular interests. We would like to ask for a donation of 50p a week for your child. This 50p would go towards new toys and learning resources for your children. This donation would be greatly appreciated if you are able to contribute. You can bring the 50p in weekly or if you would prefer to



donate for the half term that is also fine.

Many thanks, The Foundation Stage Team!

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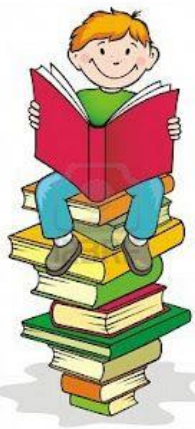


**Our Class Saint - The Holy Family**

**Christmas** - This unit is our first unit during our Spring 1 half term. During this unit, the children will be learning about how Christmas is Jesus' birthday and that he had a mum called Mary! We will discuss Christmas and read the Nativity story.

**God our Father cares for us** - This is our second unit. During this unit we will be learning about how we are all cared for loved by God. Just like the children are members of their own family, they are also members of God's family!

Reading



**Story focus**

Jack Frost

Winter - nonfiction

Winter animals - nonfiction

The runaway Wok

Chinese New Year - nonfiction

**Rhyme of the week**

Winter rhyme

Chinese New Year rhymes

Traditional rhymes

Number rhymes

**Phase 1- all aspects**

Aspect 1 - General sound discrimination - environmental

Aspect 2 - General sound discrimination - instrumental sounds

Aspect 3 - General sound discrimination - body percussion

Aspect 4 - Rhythm and rhyme

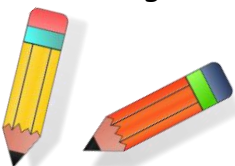
Aspect 5 - Alliteration

Aspect 6 - Voice sounds.

Aspect 7 - Oral blending and segmenting

**Bug Club - Nature Shapes**

Writing



**Nursery**

To give more meaning to my marks e.g. this is my mum/this is a cat.

To practise my pencil grip.

Maths
















**Measure/shape and Spatial thinking -**

To subitise using numbers to 5.

To count to 5.

To count and match quantities to 5.

To discover in depth the numbers to 5 e.g., how do we make 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, what numbers make up these numbers.

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| <p>Understanding of the World</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Season of Winter - how is winter different to the other seasons?</li> <li>&gt; To explore celebrations in our own lives and faith and in that of others around the world - Chinese New Year</li> </ul>   |    |
| <p>Creative</p>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Winter crafts</li> <li>&gt; Chinese New Year</li> <li>&gt; Pancake day</li> </ul>  |    |
| <p>PE</p>                          | <p>Please bring in your P.E bag and ensure that ALL clothes are clearly labelled. P.E bags will remain in school and we will send them home at the end of each half term</p>   |    |
| <p>Class Mascot</p>               | <p>Our class mascot is 'Mr Brown Bear'!</p> <p>Mr Bear lives in our classroom and he loves to look out for children following our golden rules!</p> <p>Anyone who achieves our Star of the Week will be able to take 'Mr Brown Bear' home for the weekend. You can write down all about your weekend in his diary and you can even stick in pictures!</p>  |   |
| <p>Magic Moments</p>             | <p>Please let us know of "Magic Moments" when you feel that your child has learnt anything new as this will allow us to provide next steps in their learning.</p> <p>This can be sent to us through the Evidence Me APP</p>  |  |
| <p>Class Target</p>              | <p><b><u>Nursery class target</u></b></p> <p>To undress myself for P.E and to dress myself again with support from my adult.</p>   |  |
| <p>Reading</p>                   | <p><b>Library books</b> - Class library books will be changes weekly, on a <b>Wednesday</b>. Please put you library book in your book bag on a <b>Wednesday</b> to be changed.</p> <p><b>Reading books</b> - When the nursery children have a reading book, this will be a picture book. Once this transition happens please try to take the time to read their school book 3x a week. This will help to prepare them for a reading routine throughout their time at St Marys and further!</p> <p><b>We also encourage reading of children's favourite books, traditional tales and all other books they love!</b></p> |  |
| <p>Key events for the half term</p>   | <p>Please see the school website / calendar for further information.</p>   |   |



Please see school website and messenger sent out first Friday of the month.

Thank you.