

Foundation Stage Curriculum Newsletter ~ Autumn Term 2018

Welcome to Christ Church and your child's first term in school! We hope that you all had a lovely relaxing summer and we are looking forward to getting to know all of the children and working with them at the start of their learning journey.

This newsletter will give you an idea of what we will be learning this term in each area of the Foundation Stage curriculum. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned; it's going to be a very busy term!

Ourselves and Superheroes



We will start the term learning all about the children and their families. We are looking forward to sharing the lovely books you have made with them during the summer holiday. We will be thinking about our senses and the parts of our body. We will then move onto learning about real and made-up superheroes, culminating in a Superhero day when the children can come dressed up as their favourite superhero.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will start the year by thinking about the rules we need to have in the classroom and during circle time. We will be discussing what makes us all special and unique and exploring our feelings. We will talk about how our families and friends are special to us and talk about important people in our lives.



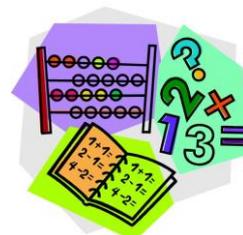
Communication, Language and Literacy

Your child will be doing lots of fine motor activities to strengthen their hands and improve their fine motor skills. We will be practising writing our names and beginning to learn how to write individual letters before moving onto simple words. We will be learning the letter sounds through our daily phonics lessons and will begin to blend the sounds together to make words.

We will read stories about Superheroes and design our own, giving them names and thinking up adventures for them.

Mathematics

We will be doing lots of counting this term! We will be learning to recognise numbers to 10 and beyond and ordering them. We will practise counting objects carefully, recognising groups that are bigger/ smaller. We will begin to practise adding and taking away practically. We will also talk about the properties of 2D shapes and do some measuring and data collection activities.



Physical Development

We do P.E. twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday. Please make sure that they have their P.E. bag in school all the time and that every item of clothing is labelled. Thank you. We will be learning how to use space effectively and to move with increased confidence in a variety of ways. The children will do daily handwriting/ fine motor skills practice. They will practise dressing and undressing independently and hopefully master how to zip up their coats!

Understanding the World

Your child will be talking about special people in their lives. They will be thinking about how they have changed as they have grown up and what they can do now that they couldn't do when they were a baby. We will be discussing the roles of real-life Superheroes and hope to meet some in our classroom. We will be celebrating Harvest in our worship as well as discussing it in class.



Expressive Arts and Design

Being creative is a very important part of Foundation Stage. The children will be role playing in the home corner, the baby clinic or the Superhero area. But we will also be thinking about all things Autumn for a display in our classroom. During our work on Superheroes, we will be designing our own Superhero and thinking about what they would wear. We will explore how superheroes move

Superheroes move. We will also be singing songs and exploring musical instruments.

How you can help your child at home

- Please read with your child every day if possible – it really does make a difference.
- Practise the phonic patterns and key words in the orange book
- Look for numbers and shapes in the environment
- Count forwards and backwards to 20

Dates for your diary (TBC)

- **Phonics, reading, maths workshop for parents**
- **Superheroes day**

I will send a letter out with these dates by end of week 2

We are really looking forward to starting our learning journey with the children and I am sure they will have a great term in Foundation Stage and embrace every challenge.

If you have any queries or questions about this term please do not hesitate to come into school and see one of us.

Mrs Owens and Mrs Slaney