



St Mary's  
Catholic Primary School and Nursery

## Autumn Term 2021 - second half

Welcome back after half term! Our next story theme will be "Owl Babies" - a lovely Autumn Story that we think our children will really enjoy. This will be followed by a fun story "Whatever Next" to take us up to the end of November. In December we will be finding out about The Christmas Story. Our Christmas celebrations may be different this year, but we will do our best to make Christmas special for the children.

### This half term we will be learning:

Personal, Social & Emotional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To use activities and resources with help.</li><li>To enjoy responsibility for carrying out small tasks.</li><li>To show understanding and cooperate within some boundaries and routines.</li><li>To be interested in other's play and start to join in.</li><li>To begin to accept the needs of others - take turns and share resources.</li></ul>
Communication & Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To listen with interest to the noises adults make when they read stories.</li><li>To show interest in play with sounds, songs and rhymes.</li><li>To identify action words, e.g. "Who's jumping?"</li><li>To understand and use "Who", "What", "Where" in simple questions.</li><li>To use simple sentences when speaking.</li><li>To listen to others.</li><li>To follow simple directions.</li></ul>
Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To begin to use a tripod grip to hold writing tools.</li><li>To begin to show preference for dominant hand.</li><li>To communicate need for toilet.</li><li>To help with clothing - unzipping zipper, taking off hat etc.</li><li>To run safely on whole foot.</li><li>To move freely with pleasure and confidence.</li><li>To handle tools - hole punches, torches etc.</li></ul>
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To begin to be aware of the way stories are structured.</li><li>To listen to stories with increasing attention and recall.</li><li>To suggest how a story might end.</li><li>To enjoy rhyming and rhythmic activities.</li><li>To show awareness of rhyme.</li><li>To distinguish between the different marks they make.</li><li>To sometimes give meaning to marks as they draw and paint.</li></ul>
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To recite number names in a sequence.</li><li>To notice simple shapes and patterns in pictures.</li><li>To begin to use the language of size.</li><li>To recognise numerals 1-5.</li><li>To count reliably a small group of objects.</li><li>To categorise objects according to size.</li><li>To begin to use language of size.</li></ul>

Please see our planning board for more detailed information about how we address the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum.

## Important Dates

Week beginning	Book/Theme	Dates to remember
November 1st 2021	<b>Pete the Cat</b> Phase 1 Phonics - Aspect 3 Body Percussion	<b>We will be talking about Poppy Day /Remembrance Day these weeks. (November 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>)</b>
November 8 <sup>th</sup> 2021	<b>Owl Babies</b> Phase 1 Phonics - Aspect 4, Rhythm and Rhyme.	
November 15 <sup>th</sup> 2021	<b>Owl Babies</b> Phase 1 Phonics - Aspect 4, Rhythm and Rhyme.	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November - wear something with spots for Children in Need! There will be an opportunity to make a donation to Children in Need.</b>
November 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2021	<b>Whatever Next!</b> Phase 1 Phonics - Aspect 5, Alliteration	
November 29 <sup>th</sup> 2021	<b>Whatever Next!</b> Phase 1 Phonics - Aspect 5, Alliteration	
December 6 <sup>th</sup> 2021	<b>The Christmas Story</b> <b>Book: Jesus' Christmas Party</b> Phase 1 Phonics - Aspect 6, Voice Sounds	
December 13 <sup>th</sup> 2021	<b>The Christmas Story</b> <b>Book: Jesus' Christmas Party</b> Phase 1 Phonics - Aspect 6, Voice Sounds	
	Our Christmas party celebration will be held this week. All children currently attending our nursery are invited to come!	<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery Christmas Party during the <u>Morning</u> session 8.45 - 11.45, ALL nursery children welcome. LAST DAY of NURSERY before Christmas is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December Christmas jumper day: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>
	<b>Merry Christmas and Happy New Year From The Nursery Team!</b>	<b>Nursery reopens on: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>

