



Newsletter

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Welcome to Reception's newsletter. We are pleased to share our learning with you for this term and encourage you to support us by discussing our learning at home.

Our topics will be, **Super Duper You** and **Celebrations**. Firstly looking at all the things that make them super. We will learn about our feelings and emotions, likes and dislikes, families and the human body. On **Wednesday 25th October** we will have a Super Duper Day where children can come dressed as their favourite Super Hero. After the first half term we will look at **Celebrations**, learning more about traditional and religious celebrations. Within and in addition to these topics we will cover the following areas, as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum.

Maths

We follow a 'mastery' approach to maths learning at St Michael's and this begins in Reception. This approach keeps the whole class learning and moving on together, by supporting children who are struggling to keep up with the class and encouraging those who are ready to explore concepts more deeply, rather than moving on to a different topic.

We will learn to:

- Say and use number names in order in familiar contexts.
- Count reliably up to 5 everyday objects and beyond.
- Recognise, read, write, and order numbers to 5.
- Know that numbers identify how many are in a set.

Communication and Language

Communication and language will underpin all of our learning. We will create a language-rich environment with lots of opportunities to develop our speaking, listening and understanding skills. We will aim to build up our vocabulary and begin to speak in full sentences. We'll use talk to connect ideas, explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next, and to recall and relive past experiences.

Literacy



This term we will be using 'Read Write Inc' phonics to help us develop our literacy skills. We will develop letter recognition, recall and formation and start to sound out simple words and blend the sounds together. We want to increase our enjoyment of reading and writing with regular opportunities to practice these skills both in groups and independently. We will share our learning with parents during our regular learning together sessions.



Also, we will develop an understanding of our likes and dislikes, be confident to try new activities and persevere in the face of challenges. We will provide opportunities that will encourage independence, concentration, problem solving and social skills.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term our PSED focus will be ourselves. We will learn how to keep ourselves clean and healthy, dress and undress independently and have good personal hygiene.

Physical development



As part of physical development we will work on gross motor and fine motor skills.

For this we will look at our awareness of space for ourselves and others, learn to use large play equipment (climbing frame, scramble nets and ropes) and handle tools and objects safely and with increasing control.

Religious Education

In RE this term, we will learn about the importance of the word God. We will become familiar with the creation story and the story of Christmas. We will also discuss how Bible stories encourage us to treat one another with love, tolerance and kindness.



Understanding the World

We will develop our understanding of 'myself and my family', and we will also learn about other families from different parts of the world and throughout history. We will explore the natural environment and observe changes in seasons. We have regular Forest School sessions planned and a growing outdoor learning environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our indoor and outdoor arts area will allow children to develop their artistic awareness which supports their imagination and creativity. We will explore colour, texture and materials.

