

### Communication and Language

This term we will be focussing on the development of speaking and listening skills. The children will be encouraged to take turns in conversations, join words to speak in sentences, to answer questions and to follow instructions. They will be supported to listen carefully and tune in to sounds in the classroom and outdoor environments.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Through structured play and daily interactions, children will be supported to develop their friendships and relationships in a positive, healthy way. They will continue to learn to share, take turns in conversation and with resources and use good manners. Our new children will be supported to settle in, become familiar with routines and make friends.

### Physical Development

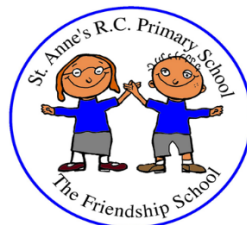
We will focus on personal and self-care skills, supporting the children to toilet themselves and wash and dry their hands frequently and independently. The children will continue to be supported to move around the classroom and outdoor space safely, recognising their own personal space and that of others. They will develop their whole body co-ordination through music and movement each day. Children will develop their fine motor and gross motor skills through our daily 'squiggle wiggle' activities.

### Come and See

In our RE sessions we will focus on different types of celebrations and how people like to celebrate. We will learn about why people gather and how the parish family experiences joy when they gather together to celebrate at mass.

We will also explore the period of Lent and how it is a time of growth and preparation before the celebration of Easter.

## Acorn Class Learning Journey



## Spring Term 2023

### Mathematics

We will be developing our number skills through counting songs and rhymes. The children will also be supported to notice numbers in the environment and to count at every opportunity through their self-directed play activities. They will make marks and use their fingers to represent numbers. They will explore shape, space and measure through model making, fitting into and through spaces and begin to use the language of size and position.

### Literacy

This term the children will be listening to and joining in with a range of stories and nursery rhymes featuring pets and zoo animals. They will be supported to develop their concentration and focus when sharing rhymes and stories together. We will explore the joy of creating and joining in with actions for rhymes and acting out stories together as we begin to explore story maps through 'Talk for Writing'.

### Expressive Arts and Design

This term the children will extend their role play experiences as they continue to develop their language skills and relationships. Children will explore colour, pattern, texture and shape using a variety of materials to engage and develop their artistic imaginations. We will continue to learn a wide variety of songs especially those featuring animals and will explore sound by experimenting with different instruments, rhythms and beats.

### Understanding the World

The children will be supported to talk about the things that they see around them using new vocabulary that they have learnt. They will explore a range of natural materials in our environment both indoors and outdoors. We will also continue to develop our ability to notice differences between people.