

<p><u>Communication and Language</u></p> <p>This term we will continue to focus on the development of speaking and listening skills. The children will be encouraged to take turns in conversation, join words to speak in sentences, to respond to questions and to follow instructions. They will be introduced to many new words as we extend our language. We will engage in daily conversations and use the Chatta programme to develop communication skills. The children will use free learning activities to develop their conversational skills with their classmates.</p>	<p><u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u></p> <p>The children will continue to follow our rules and routines and to express their needs. We will encourage the children to take an interest in their own lives and those of their friends, finding out about each other and building positive relationships. The children will develop their independence, find and put away our toys and equipment, share ideas and take turns during play.</p>	<p><u>Physical Development</u></p> <p>The children will focus on developing gross and fine motor skills to support pencil control, letter formation and handwriting technique. This term the children will begin their weekly swimming lessons and they will be encouraged to undress, dress and dry themselves independently. They will continue to learn the fundamental skills for PE before being introduced to basic gymnastics and how to use relevant equipment safely. They will develop their awareness of risks and how to keep themselves safe.</p>
<p><u>RE</u></p> <p>We begin this term with Branch Three of our RE learning which takes us on the journey of the life of Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem. The children will develop their understanding of Jesus and his love for us all. We will hear about Jesus as a young boy at the heart of the Holy Family, before moving on to hear scripture stories of Jesus' life as he began his ministry in bringing God's news to the people.</p>	 <p>Reception Class Learning Journey Spring Term 2026</p>	<p><u>Mathematics</u></p> <p>We will continue to use NCETM and Numberblocks to further develop the children's understanding of numbers from 0-10. They will represent given numbers in different ways, name quantities with number words, match sets to numerals, subitise and develop their understanding of numerical patterns.</p> <p>We will be learning the names and order of the days of the week, the daily date and daily routines.</p> <p>We will use positional language to describe where an object/person is. The children will also take part in a range of activities to develop mathematical skills in matching, sorting, comparing amounts, comparing size, mass and capacity and exploring patterns.</p>
<p><u>Literacy</u></p> <p>We will develop our focus and concentration skills by listening and joining in with stories. We will sing and say a range of nursery rhymes and short poems and develop our listening skills as we tune in to different sounds that we hear. The children will learn letter sounds and begin to read as we follow the Read, Write, Inc Phonics scheme. Through our Read to Write lessons we will orally compose and rehearse sentences.</p>	<p><u>Expressive Arts and Design</u></p> <p>The children will have the opportunity to choose to create their own masterpieces using a variety of media, craft materials, natural and recycled resources.</p> <p>The children will listen and respond to a range of songs, rhymes and music. They will be able to play a variety of percussion instruments in class, giving them the opportunity to explore and create different sounds.</p> <p>They will develop their listening and communication skills as we enjoy a different piece of classical music each week.</p>	<p><u>Understanding the World</u></p> <p>The children will explore the natural world through our topic of animals. We will begin by learning about animals kept as pets before moving on to discover information about larger animals both on land and in the ocean. We will end the term with a focus on minibeasts. The children will explore habitats and life cycles, sharing their learning in a range of ways including painting, role play and Chatta. We will find out about special times and events. They will also notice changes in our environment as the seasons change.</p>

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to welcome our children back to an exciting Spring term ahead in Reception class.

We will be starting the term with a focus on animals and specifically 'pets'. If you have a pet at home please help your child to understand how to care for and look after a pet.

As you will see from our Learning Journey, we love to share Nursery Rhymes and stories together in Reception. The children will continue to make progress in their reading skills through our daily phonics lessons and we ask that you support their learning at home by encouraging your child to watch the videos linked to the QR codes which will be sent home each week relating to the sounds they have learned during the week. The children will continue to receive a book bag reading book for you to read together regularly. **In addition to this, the children will be able to choose a book from our Early Years lending library each week to bring home and enjoy exploring with you. We hope this will inspire you and your child to develop a true love of reading for pleasure.**

We have planned workshops and information sessions about supporting your child's learning at home. These will include early reading, early writing and early maths and we will contact you about these soon.

We will have swimming each Tuesday this term when your child should wear their PE kit for school and bring their full swimming kit each week.

Please follow us on Twitter to see what we have been learning! @RMaplestannes

Things to Remember

- Please provide a set of spare clothes for your child should they need to be changed after a toileting accident.
- Please read with your child as often as possible at home and ensure that they bring their book bag and home reader into school each day.
- If you would like your child to have their own pair of wellingtons, please bring them into school with your child's name clearly written inside.
- Children are provided with fruit each day but we would really appreciate a donation of £1 per week, if you are able in order that we can continue to provide a wide variety of snack options including; toast or bagels, cereals & crackers, fruit & vegetables as well as seasonal snacks. Any donation you can give is most appreciated. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the Foundation Stage staff or explore our school website. www.stannescatholicprimary.com

Kind Regards, Mrs Head, Miss Islam and Miss Lowrie