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| <p><b><u>Communication and Language</u></b></p> <p>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.</p>                                                     | <p><b><u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u></b></p> <p>We will be taking time to settle into our environment and learning the names of our new friends. We will spend time getting to know each other and to feel safe in our new setting. The children will be supported to follow our routines and to express their needs. The children will be encouraged to talk about what they like and about their family and friends.</p>                                                | <p><b><u>Physical Development</u></b></p> <p>We will focus on personal and self-care skills, supporting the children to toilet themselves and wash and dry their hands frequently and independently. They will learn to put on and take off their outdoor clothes and use fastenings with increasing independence. The children will also be supported to move around the classroom and outdoor space safely, recognising their own personal space and that of others.</p> |
| <p><b><u>RE</u></b></p> <p>Our first topic in RE this term is 'Creation'. We will be learning about how God made our beautiful world and everything in it—from the sky and sea to animals, plants, and people! As we explore the wonders of the world around us, we'll also be thinking about what makes each of us special. This links closely to our topic 'Myself', where we will learn all about what makes us unique and celebrate our differences.</p> | <p><b>Acorn Class Learning Journey</b></p>  <p><b>Autumn Term 2026</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p><b><u>Mathematics</u></b></p> <p>We will be developing our skills in maths through counting songs and rhymes. The children will also be supported to notice numbers in the environment, count and consider shape, space and measure throughout their self-directed play activities.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p><b><u>Literacy</u></b></p> <p>This term the children will be listening to and joining in with a range of nursery rhymes. 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.</p>                                                                                                        | <p><b><u>Expressive Arts and Design</u></b></p> <p>This term the children will create self-portraits using a range of media. They will have the opportunity to choose to create their own masterpieces using a variety of craft, natural and recycled materials. 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><b><u>Understanding the World</u></b></p> <p>We will explore the changes we can see around us as the season changes from summer to autumn, then autumn to winter. The children will be encouraged to talk about themselves and their family and the things that they like to do together. We would love to invite you to share a picture of your child with their family or special people.</p>                                                                         |

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to welcome back our existing Nursery children and families and to welcome our new friends over the coming weeks.

As you will see from our Learning Journey, we love to share Nursery Rhymes and stories together in Nursery. Each week we will learn/re-learn a nursery rhyme and send home a copy of this for you to share at home. **Each week the children will be able to choose a book from our class lending library to bring home and enjoy for the week.**

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.

### **Things to Remember**

- Please provide a set of spare clothes for your child should they need to be changed after a toileting accident.
- If you would like your child to have their own pair of wellington boots, 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 50p per week if possible in order that we can continue to provide a wide variety of snack options including; toast or bagel and 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 look at our school website. [www.stannescatholicprimary.com](http://www.stannescatholicprimary.com)

Kind Regards, Miss Oliver and Miss McCormack