

<u>Communication and Language</u> This term we will be focussing on the development of speaking and listening skills. The children will be encouraged to take turns in conversation, join words to speak in sentences, respond to questions and 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 our communication skills.	<u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u> We will be taking time to settle into our classroom environment and learning the names of our new friends. We will get to know each other through our play and guided interactions and feel safe in our new setting. The children will be supported to follow our routines and to express their needs. We will encourage the children to talk about their interests and their family and friends. The children will learn how to become more independent, find and put away our toys and equipment, share ideas and take turns during play.	<u>Physical Development</u> 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 independently. The children will also be supported to move around the classroom and outdoor space safely, recognising their own personal space and that of others. They will develop their awareness of risks and how to keep themselves safe.
<u>RE</u> We begin this term by thinking about Creation and Covenant. We will be talking about God the Creator and the dignity of the human person entering God's family through Baptism. We invite you to contribute to your child's learning by telling us about their first name and why it was chosen for them. We will then move on to explore Advent, the Nativity story and the tradition of celebrating Jesus' birthday in different ways.	Reception Class Learning Journey Autumn Term 2026	<u>Mathematics</u> We will be using NCETM and Numberblocks to develop the children's understanding of numbers from 0-10. They will represent given numbers in different ways, name quantities with number words and match sets to numerals. We will be learning new routines, times of the day and positional language. We will be matching, sorting, comparing amounts, comparing size, mass and capacity and exploring patterns.
<u>Literacy</u> 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. We will focus on our gross and fine motor skills to develop our handwriting.		<u>Understanding the World</u> We will talk about ourselves, family and familiar people. Discuss our likes and dislikes and our favourite things. We will begin to understand special times and events. We will explore the natural world around us and notice the effect of the new season on our surroundings.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to welcome our existing and new children to our Reception class.

We will be starting our Autumn term with a focus on 'Myself'. We will be getting to know each other and our new friends, settling into our class and learning our rules and routines. We will be thinking about how we look and creating representations of ourselves, each other and our families. We will also be exploring and celebrating how special our names are. To help us with our work, we ask that you tell us why your child and their name are so special to you. If you wish you can provide a photograph of your child and family for our special display. We will of course take care of all photographs brought in and ensure they are returned to you.

As you will see from our Learning Journey, we love to share Nursery Rhymes and stories together in Reception. Over the coming weeks the children will receive their book bag reading book for you to read each evening together. **In addition to this, the children will be able to choose a book from our class lending library each week to bring home and enjoy exploring with you which we hope will inspire their 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 PE each Tuesday this half term when your child should wear their PE kit for school.

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 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 possible, in order that we can continue to provide a wide variety of snack options including; toast or bagels, vegetables and 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 Lord and Miss Lowrie