

St Marks Catholic Primary School

Spring One in Nursery



Communication and Language

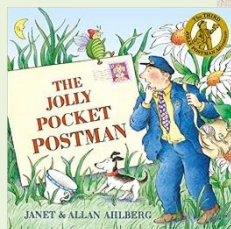
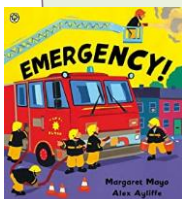
We will be focussing on welcoming our new Nursery intake and helping them to settle into Nursery life.

We will be focussing on circle times that revolve around our listening, attention and concentration skills.

In Nursery we use Makaton signs to support our children with their speech skills- you can learn more about Makaton here-

<https://makaton.org/>

We are reading...



We will enjoy some visits from different professions this half term:

- *The Fire Fighters from West Denton
- *A Newcastle postman
- *Student Dentists
- *A Midwife to teach us about babies
- *A Marvel Costume designer

If any of you fancy popping into Nursery to tell us about your job we would LOVE that!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will begin our Values Education this half term where we focus on the following Values-

- *Rule of Law- Following the rules
- *Democracy – My opinion matters
- *Respect- Looking after one another, our school and our world
- *Tolerance- We accept each other's differences
- *Liberty- We are free to make our own choices

Children's gross motor skills help to improve their writing so go to soft play, trampolining, bike rides and parks to get those big muscles developed!

RE

We will be continuing our 'Come and See' Curriculum this half term which will cover the topics 'Celebrations' and 'Gathering'.

We will celebrate George the Giraffes 4th Birthday together as well as Chinese New Year, Valentines Day, St Patricks Day, Pancake Day and Burns Night.

We will be focussing on Church- What happens in a Church, What the role of a Priest is and what celebrations happen in the Church.

We will be learning the Bible story - Jesus and the Children.

Physical Development

Fine Motor

- Bubble wrap painting
- Sorting buttons
- Using chopsticks
- Catching bubbles
- Glitter Play

Gross Motor

- Go Noodle
- Peer Massage
- Throwing and Catching
- Rolling
- Balancing
- Races



Maths

We will be learning how to:

- *Compare Size
- *Compare height
- *Explore weight
- *Match amount to Numeral
- *Matching Numicon to the amount
- *Subsidize 1, 2, 3
- *Describing 2D shapes
- *Say and Give one more than
- *Say and Give one less than
- *Explore Money

Literacy

We will be learning-

- *How to write our own name
- *How to 'write' a caption to go with our picture
- *How to write invitations
- *How to write a letter
- *Continue RWI Phonics: Learning letter sounds- see Tapestry for more information

Check out this video on how to pronounce letter sounds correctly

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc>

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be enjoying Arts and Crafts with a focus on celebrations-

- Chinese NY dragons and Lanterns
- Pancake Decorations
- Love Bug Hats
- Sponge painted shamrocks
- Birthday Cards
- Designing kilts



Understanding of the World

We will be learning-

- *About People Who Help us
- *Our local area of Westerhope
- *Our big beautiful school
- *About Transport
- *Road Safety, Fire Safety and what to do in an Emergency
- *About Healthy Living and Healthy Minds

How you can help

- *Explore your local area- Visit the Discovery Museum, The Laing Art Gallery, The Library, The Hancock Museum.
- *Talk about and explore different occupations with your child: We want to open our children's minds about the world that exists in front of them.
- *Look at local famous people such as Ant and Dec, Sting, Little Mix, Newcastle Football Team, Jill Scott from the Lionesses and The Anderson Builders Team (who built the Tyne Bridge)



Events

- *Chinese NY Party with our Year 5 Buddies
- *Phonics in the Early Years Parent Workshop and stay and play

