

## Class topics

- ☀ Winter
- ☀ Traditional Tales
- ☀ Nursery Rhymes

## Here I Am

Our topics this term are

- ☀ **Special People:** children will explore special people in their lives and special people they hear about in Church.
- ☀ **Meals:** children will share their experiences of the different food they eat and when they eat it. We will discuss about the bread and wine used at Mass.
- ☀ **Good and Evil:** children will share their experiences of happy, sad, good and bad times. We will talk about Lent-a time to make people happy and get ready for Easter.

## Communication, Language and Literacy

We will be exploring environmental sounds and will be hearing and making different sounds. We will sing lots of nursery rhymes and will do lots of talking and listening. Children will explore many types of books and will be encouraged to begin mark making and develop early writing. We will be discussing lots of traditional tales, role playing.

You can support your child's learning by joining the local library.

## Mathematical Development

We will be using number names, counting up to 5/ 10. This will also be done through rhymes and songs. We will use our fingers and objects to support counting. We will also be identifying and naming colours, shapes and patterns.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be encouraging children to work in small groups and initiate conversations. This term some of the children will be settling into Nursery life and following our routines and rules. We want children to feel comfortable to join in with activities, to form friendships and to be able to express their needs.

## Knowledge and Understanding of the World

We will be exploring the changes in the weather that have occurred and talk about the difference in seasons. We will look at the process of freezing and melting, animals from Polar Regions, Inuits and igloos. We will discuss snowflakes and how they are formed and the different patterns. We will also be observing changes while baking and using our interactive board, to support learning.

## Creative Development

We will be making winter drawings and collages. We will be learning about colours and mixing them. Children will also engage in independent box modelling, painting and drawing. In class we will perform different action rhymes, and nursery rhymes.

## **Physical Development**

To develop gross motor skills the children will access free outdoor play with the use of outdoor equipment such as Tricycles, skipping ropes, stilts, hoops, balls. Additionally they will have access to play dough, scissors, small construction equipment etc to develop small motor skills.

## **General Information**

### **Box Modelling**

We are always grateful for boxes, material, wool etc.

### **Snack Money**

We would be grateful for a weekly donation of £1 to help meet the costs of baking, planting and tasting different foods at snack time.

### **Baking**

We bake every week and have a rota so that everybody gets a turn over a few weeks. We bake enough for every child to sample!

### **Library books**

Every child will be able to choose a book from our class libraries to share at home, providing they bring a book bag (available at the main office priced £3.50). We will change books on a Thursday.

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