

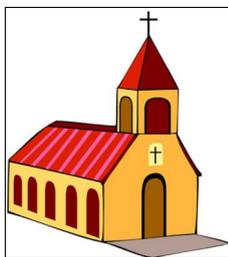
Reception Newsletter Autumn 2020

Welcome to Holy Rosary Reception class. We will be working hard over the next few weeks to ensure all your children settle into Reception and begin to build lots of new friendships, learn new routines and develop their confidence. If you have any queries, please ask, we are more than happy to help where we can.



R.E

Our topic is 'Myself' and we will be looking at how God loves us, how He knows us by name and how we are so special to Him. Following this, we will explore Baptism. Please talk to your child and share photographs and memories with them regarding any Baptisms they or you may have experienced. We will also be taking part in regular Candle Time sessions where the children will learn the school prayers and learn how to reflect and talk to God. We are hopeful that we will eventually be able to invite you all into school to share candle time with us, and hopefully also join us in church at Mass when this becomes possible.



People, Cultures and Communities

Over the term we will be looking at lots of different celebrations that we, and others, take part in. We will start by looking at birthday celebrations, where the children can share their experiences and knowledge and move onto Bonfire night, Diwali and Advent as we move further into the term. The children will investigate similarities and differences as well as learn traditions and how the past can influence them.



Dates to Remember:

Wednesday is Reception PE day. Please send your child into school in their PE kit and trainers. The children are allowed to wear a plain navy tracksuit over their kit should they wish to.

General Reminders

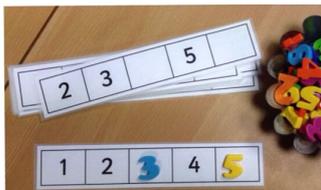
- Please allow your child to bring a water bottle to school. They are not able to access the drinking fountains at the moment, so a water bottle ensures they have access to water throughout the day.
- Please remember to label all of your child's clothing and belongings including blazers, shoes, coats, cardigans, jumpers ties and water bottles.
- We ask that your child always brings a coat into school to enable them to access out outdoor area in all weathers. They can also bring wellies to leave in our cloakroom should you wish. Please ensure they are named.
- Please ensure that school has two up to date contact numbers to ensure we can contact you when necessary.
- When your child receives a reading book, please send the book into school everyday so we can also read with your child.
- Reception homework will be available to view on the school website. Please send us pictures of your child's work, we would love to be able to share this with them.

Mathematics

This half term the children will explore number and numerical patterns through a mixture of teacher directed activities and independent play. They will be counting daily and consolidating their understanding of number.

They will work with shapes and begin to investigate the concept of measure.

You can help your child by counting with them, pointing out numbers in the environment and encouraging them to make the link between number names and numerals. The Number Blocks on CBeebies are also a great resource to support the understanding of number patterns.



Communication, Language and Literacy

Children will be learning to speak in a small group and listen to each other as we talk during whole class activities and snack time. We will begin to link thoughts together as well as retell simple events in the correct order. We will do this using the children's own experiences and stories, encouraging them to ask and answer questions about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. In order to help them do this we encourage you to email us photos of your child's experiences and achievements so they can share them with their friends.



We look forward to an exciting half term ahead, where we can get to know all your children. Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns, would like any help or have any questions. Thank you for your support, Mrs Symington & Mrs Murgatroyd.

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