



St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School Nursery Spring Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely time over Christmas. We welcome to our new younger friends this week and thank our Nursery children for making them feel so welcome.

Our chosen themes for this half term are 'Winter', 'Traditional Tales', and Chinese New Year. This term we will be focusing on the following:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Can play in a group, extending, and elaborating play ideas
- Keeps play going by responding to what others are saying
- Confident to talk to other children when playing
- Talking about feelings using words like 'happy', 'sad', 'angry' or 'worried'

Communications and Language

- Use talk to connect ideas & anticipate what might happen next
- Join in with repeated refrains & anticipate key events/phrases in rhymes & stories
- Listen to stories with increasing attention & recall
- Show understanding of prepositions by carrying out an action
- Use more complex sentences to link thoughts together
- Build up vocab to reflect breadth of experiences
- Use a range of tenses (e.g. play, playing, played)

Literacy

- Enjoy rhyming and rhythmic activities
- Listen to & join in with stories & poems
- Sometimes give meaning to marks as they draw and paint
- Begin to recognise and write their own name
- Show awareness of rhyme & alliteration
- Recognise other familiar words and signs (e.g. Mum, Asda)
- Suggest how the story might end
- Beginning to be aware of the way stories are structured
- Describe settings, events & principal characters in stories.



Mathematics

- Count up to 5 everyday objects
- Recognise numerals 1 to 10
- Sometimes match numeral and quantity correctly
- Compare 2 groups of objects, saying when they have the same number
- Show awareness of similarities of shapes in the environment
- Order 3 items by height



Physical Development

- Can catch a large ball
- Can stand momentarily on one foot when shown
- Run skilfully & negotiate space successfully, adjusting speed or direction
- Hold pencil between thumb and two fingers & use it with good control
- Can copy some letters, e.g. letters from their name
- Observe the effects of activity on their bodies

PE

PE will take place every Monday. The children **DO NOT** need a PE kit. Nursery do PE in school uniform with bare feet and no school jumpers. Please make sure your child has shoes or boots they can take on and off themselves, as we are encouraging the children to be as independent as possible.

RE

In RE, we will be exploring our new topic in Re 'Celebrations'. We will be talking about different types of celebrations, what we do at those celebrations and how we feel when we celebrate. We will also be visiting St Cuthbert's Church and looking and naming the religious artefacts i.e. Baptismal Font. **Could the children please bring in a photograph of themselves at a celebration.** It could be at a Wedding, Baptism, Christmas or Birthday celebration. We will be talking about what they are doing in the photograph and will display them in Nursery.



Show & Tell

Children love the chance to bring things in from home to show the Nursery staff and their friends. 'Show & Tell' helps to develop children's speaking & listening skills as they get to tell us what they have brought and some information about it, such as where they got it from, what it does etc. We would like the Nursery children to bring in an object for 'Show and Tell' on **Wednesday's of each week**. The object must be small enough for their draw.

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year on **Monday 12th February**. Could the children please come to Nursery dressed in something red and yellow for our Chinese New Year Day.



To find out more about how we teach children phonics in Nursery and how children learn these essential early reading skills please come to our Phonics Meeting on **Monday 22nd January**. After the phonics meeting, you will be invited over to our Nursery to share a phonics activity with your child to practice some of the skills we will be focusing on.

Our Easter celebration will take place on **Wednesday 27th March**. We encourage the children to wear yellow/white on this day if possible.

Nursery Diary Dates

Dates	
Monday 22nd Jan 9am-10am	Phonics talk and activity session with your child
Monday 12th Feb	Children come to school dressed in something red and yellow for Chinese New Year celebration.
Mon 19th– Fri 23rd Feb	Nursery closed for half term
Mon 26th Feb	Children back to school
Monday 25th March	Easter Craft morning parents invited
Wednesday 27th March	Children come to school dressed in something white and yellow for our Easter celebration.
Break up Thurs 28th March – Mon 15th	Nursery closed for Easter Holidays
Tues 16th April	Children back to school

Reminders

- Please ensure all coats, jumpers/cardigans, shoes, wellies, water bottles and bags etc are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Nail varnish must not be worn at Nursery.
- Your child needs to bring a water bottle to Nursery everyday and we will encourage them to drink from this on a regular basis: **Water ONLY** (no juice).

- Your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us. If someone else is picking your child up, please let us or the office know and make sure they have the password. **If you do not let us know, we cannot let your child go without your consent.**
- Please remember NO smoking/vaping on school grounds.

Please log onto the **EYFS** section of the St Cuthbert's website <https://www.stcuthbertsk.org> to find out more information about Early Years and to view photographs of the activities that the Nursery children have participated in. News feeds and photos can also be seen on our 'St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School' (**closed group**) Facebook page.

Many thanks and best wishes,

The Nursery Staff: Miss Graham, Mrs Slater and Miss Thirtle