



# English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

"Where everyone is special"

Welcome to Year Reception  
Autumn Term 2  
What is happening this  
half term?

## RECEPTION CLASS CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

The information below includes all the details of our curriculum and calendar. In reception the children will have daily maths, literacy and phonics lessons as well as accessing the continuous provision to access the rest of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. The children will have use of all 3 areas throughout the day (both indoors and outdoors).

Throughout the year the children have access to a rich and inspiring curriculum and will be assessed against 17 different Early Learning Goals- for any further information on this please speak to Mr Bromage at anytime.

### English

We will be reading and exploring fairy tales and traditional tales as well as alternative versions eg Jim and The Beanstalk. We will act out and retell traditional tales with props and masks etc.

We will draw story maps and sequence stories.  
We will be focussing on handwriting and letter formation.



### Values and Virtues

**Learned**, finding God in all things; and **wise** in the ways they use their learning for the common good. By the breadth and depth of the curriculum; by excellence of teaching, and the creation of opportunities to become more **learned** and **wise**.

### Mathematics

As a school we follow the Power Maths Scheme.

Our learning will include :

- Comparing groups within 5
- Change within 5
- Time



### Physical Development

#### Fine Motor Skills

Pencil control, dough disco

#### Gross Motor Skills

Outdoor play, Use core muscle strength to achieve good posture

## Phonics



We follow Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Phonics scheme. In this half term we will be learning:

Graphemes: ff, ll, ss, j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, sh, th, ng, nk

Tricky words: as, and, has, his, her, go, no, to, into, she, he, of, we, me, be

## PSED



We will be thinking about the perspective of others. We will also be beginning to show an understanding of other people's feelings.

## RE

As part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham we follow the curriculum 'Learning and Growing as the People of God'. This half term we will cover:

People Who Care for Us  
Advent  
Christmas

## Theme



In our theme of 'Who is afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?' we will be learning about different Traditional Tales. We will also be looking at different festivals such as Diwali and Bonfire Night.

## Home learning

Children will also be sent home with reading books, phonemes (sounds) and words to learn. Please try and practise these daily for short periods of time. As always if you need any additional support with any of these tasks please don't hesitate to ask for some help or advice.

Children will also be sent a login to access some online reading books that will be in-line with the phonics and reading lessons from each week.

## Dates to note

Mass- 4th November

Height and Weight Checks - 8th November

Armistice Day—11th November

Anti Bullying Week—15th -19th November

Hatton Country World Trip—8th December

Christmas Party—13th December

If you have any questions that you would like to ask please email your class teacher. Please make sure that you have read the communication policy to ensure that the correct information is sent to the correct people.

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Don't forget to check the website for our 'Recommended Reading Lists' and our 'Further reading lists'.

Also please remember to follow our Twitter page @EMCPrimary and our school Facebook Page and look out for the hashtag #EMCYearR for anything specific to reception class.