



# Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

## Kinder Advent I Newsletter

Welcome to Kinder Class! We hope you have had a wonderful Summer and the children are excited about their first school year.

This newsletter will provide an introduction to Kinder Class.

### Literacy

During the first weeks of this term we will be carrying out the Early Years baseline assessments. This is nothing for you or your child to worry about and is predominantly observations of the children playing and settling into school. Once this is complete the children will be introduced to our phonics scheme; Little Wandle. We will be learning a new sound each day and the children will be given their own word cards to practice at home each day. Initially children will be given a picture book to share at home and we encourage them to create their own stories based on the images they see.



This will then move to a phonics book linked to the sounds they are learning in class.

### Writing

We encourage all forms of mark making and the children will be able to access our writing areas throughout the day. We will provide exciting and engaging activities to help strengthen the children's fine motor skills, including threading, playdough, scissor skills and painting.



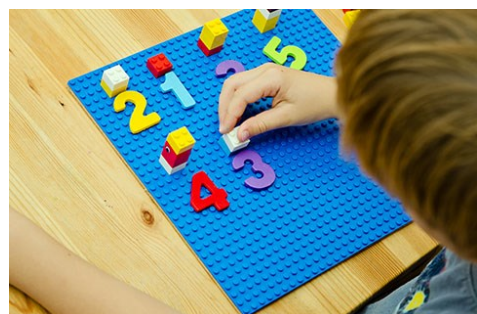
### Numeracy

The children will be introduced to our maths scheme; White Rose Maths. The programme provides comprehensive cover of the EYFS numeracy curriculum through fun and engaging activities. In our Reception class, maths is very practical, using equipment to provide children with a good understanding of number, shape and place-value.

In this term we will be learning about -

- Matching, sorting and comparing objects
- Talking about measuring and patterns
- Counting objects to 5

The children will have daily opportunities to access numeracy tasks in the classroom, to support their learning.





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### Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Marvellous Me'. The children will be learning about what is special about them and their families. They will learn about their new friends in Kinder Class. We will also explore our school and local area.

As part of our topic it would be lovely if all the children could bring a family photograph into school. These will be used during our talk time sessions and be displayed on our topic board. If you would prefer to send a digital image to school for us to print please send to the following



email: [info@mgl.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:info@mgl.srscmat.co.uk)

### RE

The children will be learning our morning, lunchtime and afternoon prayer over the first weeks. They will be involved in our regular Class Worship and RE lessons, and will attend the whole school worships.

We will begin RE with a 'Creation and Covenant' topic, where children will be introduced to the Creation Story.

### PE

PE will be on Wednesday afternoons. Children are asked to come into school in their PE kit; a school PE hoodie or school sweatshirt, blue school PE t-shirt, plain black or navy blue leggings or jogging bottoms. Please can children wear trainers or pumps suitable for both indoors and outdoors.

### Tooth brushing

Thank you for returning the permission letters. The children are enjoying brushing



### Home school Diary

Your child has been given their new home school diary, we will write a comment each time your child has read in school and request you write a comment each time your child shares a book with you (3x a week).

### Fruit and milk

School will provide your child with a cup of milk and a piece of fruit during morning break

Every Friday school will run a tuck shop and your child can buy a sweet treat for 50p or alternative they can bring a snack from home.

### Water bottle

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school each day.