



# Curriculum Information



At St Monica's we learn through a Creative Curriculum where we engage children in topics to teach a range of learning objectives across all areas of learning. Our Topics for this term are:

## **Traditional Stories**

### **Christmas**

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is divided into seven key areas of learning. The planning and teaching in Reception will incorporate the following key aspects for each area of learning in this first term:

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

The children will be developing confidence in their new setting. They will be learning to form good relationships with adults and peers. The children will be working as part of a group or class, taking turns and sharing fairly. They will be encouraged to develop independence in selecting resources, looking after their belongings, putting on their coats and changing for PE.

### **Physical Development**

The children will develop an awareness of space and will learn to move with control and co-ordination. They will use a range of small and large equipment to help develop large and fine motor skills. We will particularly focus on building strong hand muscles through activities such as threading, peg boards, cutting and

using tweezers, to prepare children for writing.

### **Communication and Language**

The children will learn to interact with each other, negotiating plans and activities and taking turns in conversations. They will have opportunities to listen to and use spoken and written language in their play and learning.

### **Literacy**

This term we will be listening to and using well known rhymes and stories to encourage a love of books and develop the children's interest in reading. We will be listening out for rhyming words in poems and will learn to complete a rhyming string. We will begin to welcome parents to read stories to the class as part of our 'Tell Me A Story' session on a Friday afternoon. In phonic sessions we will learn the sounds that letters make and learn the correct formation for writing them.

### **Mathematics**

The children will begin to develop their mathematical language and ability on a daily basis. This term they will be introduced to number names and develop their understanding of number and how it can be used to show how many. They will be using numbers in familiar contexts. The children will learn rhymes and songs involving counting on and counting back. We will practise counting reliably up to 20. We will also focus on 2D shapes, naming and using them to create pictures and patterns.

### **Understanding the World**

The children will have the opportunity to join in with cooking activities linked to the stories are focusing on. They will also be given the opportunity to use construction materials to construct for different purposes. In addition to this the children will begin to use ICT to support their learning.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

The children will be given opportunities to use their imagination in art and design, music, dance, role play and stories. They will use a range of materials, tools and musical instruments to independently create imaginative masterpieces!

#### **Dates for your diary**

#### **EYs Outdoor Tidy Up Session**

Thursday 28th September  
3:30—6:30

#### **Informal Parents' Evening -**

Wednesday 18th October  
3:30—5:00pm

#### **Watch Me Learn—Phonics**

W/C 16th October

#### **Christmas Nativity Performances:**

Monday 4th December at 2.00pm  
Tuesday 5th December at  
6.00pm

**More details will follow regarding each of these dates!**