



# St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant and Junior Schools



## Autumn 2025 Curriculum Leaflet

### Key Dates

- **Parent/Teacher Consultations: 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October**
- **Owl's PE lessons – every Wednesday**
- **Owl's Music lessons – every Wednesday**
- **Book Library every Monday – bag in school every day**
- **Class trip: TBC**
- **Breakfast club:** Available from 7.45 – 8.40am.
- **After School Club:** Available from 3.30 – 5.45pm

### You can help your child by:

- Playing and exploring new learning activities with your child, such as role-playing e.g. shop, doctors, space station etc., providing a range of stimulating activities for active learning, taking into account your child's interests
- Using the language of thinking and learning, asking questions and encouraging talking
- Encouraging your child to find ways to solve problems and new ways to do things
- Reading to your child and with your child every day, retelling familiar stories
- Encouraging your child's independence with getting dressed/undressed, putting shoes on, using cutlery to feed themselves, toileting, brushing teeth and hand washing
- Sharing photos and notes about your child's interests and learning achieved at home through "Tapestry", our online assessment tool

### Literacy

- Explore simple stories, commit them to memory, sequence them, story mapping, anticipating key events, re-telling and acting out (So Much, Handa's Surprise, Owl Babies, Ning and the Night Spirits, Stanley Stick, Christmas stories)
- Daily Little Wandle phonics lessons: phase 2 graphemes and phonemes, reading words using learned sounds, segmenting and blending
- Read and spell tricky words
- Write recognisable letters, spell name Spell words by identifying sounds in words and linking to the correct letters.

### Personal Social and Emotional Development

- Me, My Body, My Health
- Similarities and Differences
- Emotional Well-Being - to be aware of our feelings and others
- Life Cycles
- Looking after ourselves, others and the environment
- To be aware of the rules and boundaries set in school
- To learn to share and take turns
- Sharing our work and talents with others
- Working collaboratively

### Reception Autumn Term Learning



### Understanding the World

#### Autumn 1:

- Seasonal change- Autumn
- Countries we come from- flags
- Similarities and differences
- Explore collections of materials with similar/different properties

#### Autumn 2:

- Explore environments and habitats (Living things included)
- Remembrance
- School area - map work
- Celebrations: Bonfire Night – Guyfawkes, Diwali and Christmas
- Autumn to Winter changes seasonal walk

### Communication and Language

- Settling in activities – circle time, show and tell, nursery rhymes
- Listen attentively to the teacher and others
- Participate in 1:1, small group and whole class discussions
- Express feelings and needs
- Weekly reading sessions – discussing stories
- Daily story time

### Physical Development

- PE: movement skills, ball skills, gymnastics
- Hygiene – keeping ourselves clean and healthy.
- Oral health – how do we keep our teeth clean?
- Fine motor development – scissor skills, tweezer work, threading, playdough manipulation
- Pencil grip and letter formation
- To develop upper body strength
- Large block play
- Correct and safe use of cutlery

### RE

#### Autumn 1:

- RE: Creation and Covenant
- Catholic Social Teaching: Care of creation

#### Autumn 2:

- RE: Prophecy and Promise
- Catholic Social Teaching: Preferential option for the poor
- Learning to say sorry and understanding forgiveness
- Learning our school prayers
- Collective Worship

### Mathematics

- Matching and Sorting
- Compare amounts
- Compare size, mass and capacity
- Patterns
- Find, subitise, represent 1, 2, 3
- 1 more, 1 less
- Composition of number to 3
- Circles and Triangles
- Composition of numbers to 5 (including number bonds, addition, subtraction, groups and recording)
- Shapes with 4 sides

### Expressive Arts and Design

- Retell familiar stories
- Draw and paint using different materials
- Independent craft and design stations
- Sculpting with playdough
- Share creations with familiar adults
- Sing nursery rhymes and songs
- Using glockenspiels
- Art Focus - Drawing: Marvellous marks
- DT focus - Structures: Junk modelling