



All Souls' Nursery

Autumn Term 2021

Welcome to the first term at All Souls' Nursery. We are looking forward to getting to know your child and your family. This first half term is all about ensuring the children are settled, happy and secure, following routines and developing relationships with each other.

To begin the term, we are going to be exploring the Nursery environment and finding out about the rest of our school. We will be completing assessments about your child's knowledge of colour, shape, number and pencil control. From these, we will plan what we will be working on for the rest of the term with your child. We will be counting lots of different objects and learning number rhymes, focussing on numbers 1-3 and learning different ways of representing these quantities, learning about 2D shapes. We will also be finding out about our Catholic Faith and sharing stories, rhymes and songs together. Alongside this, we will also be exploring the children's own personal interests and our themes this half term which are 'All About Us' and 'Autumn'.

Each week, we will have a Nursery Rhyme of the week which will be sent home every Monday for the children to practise; we found that this really helped with the children's awareness of rhymes last year and they built up a large repertoire of nursery rhymes which they could recite.

This half term we will be doing lots of listening, sharing and turn-taking activities and games, in preparation to start phonics after the half term break when we will be introducing letter sounds to children - we will let you know which letters we will be focussing on each week. Our class library will also start after half term - the children will be able to choose a book to bring home and share with you each week.

We are lucky enough to have a fabulous teacher called Miss Jade who comes into school every Tuesday to do dance and P.E with our children. Could you please make sure that your child has a named pair of pumps to keep in Nursery and at the moment we are asking you to send your child into Nursery already dressed for P.E. Could you also send in a pair of wellingtons and some spare clothes (all named) as we encourage children to explore outdoors in all weathers. With the season of coughs and colds about to start, may we ask that you kindly help by providing us with a box of tissues which we really appreciate.



As part of our R.E unit on Creation and our work on Understanding the World, in the next couple of weeks we would like to plant bulbs and flowers, so any donations of Spring bulbs etc. would be very welcome. If any of you have old metal pots and pans rattling around the kitchen, then we could also put them to good use in our outdoor setting.

Each Friday we do a Nursery blog telling you what we have been doing in Nursery each week and letting you know what our learning focusses will be for the following week so please do visit our webpage to find out more.

We will also place our Teddy Bear money pot outside the Nursery door; we would really appreciate any weekly donations of £1 which help us to buy things such as cooking ingredients and compost to take children's learning experiences further.

Finally, here are a few little reminders! Children should arrive for Nursery at 8.30am. For security reasons the side gate into Nursery and All Sorts will be closed at 8.45am prompt - any late comers should enter school through the main reception area. If your child is absent because of illness could you please inform the office in the morning. Children should not return to Nursery until 48 hours after their last bout of vomiting or diarrhoea.

Dates for your diary:

- **Reception Welcome Mass** - Sunday 3rd October 9.30am
- **Parent Consultation Evening (via zoom)** - Monday 18th October and Tuesday 19th October
- **October Half Term Break** - Monday 25th - Friday 29th October
- **Trip to Warwick Arts Centre (The Very Hungry Caterpillar)** - Monday 13th December
- **Last Day of Term and Christmas Party** - Friday 17th December
- **Beginning of Spring Term** - Wednesday 5th January

We are always available to talk to you after the session about your child or you can give the office a call to pass on a message. Alternatively, please feel free to email me at sarah.schofield@allsoulsschool.co.uk

Thank you for all your support.

The Nursery Team

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