



All Souls' Nursery

 Autumn Term 2022 

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 shape, number, pencil control, speech, and language. From these assessments, we will plan what we will be working on for the rest of the term with your child.

Mathematics

In Maths we will:

- Sort different objects such as vehicles, Autumn leaves and clothes by a variety of different criteria.
- Explore, talk about and describe circles, spheres, triangles and pyramids.
- Select shapes appropriately e.g. a triangle for a roof.
- Extend and create simple repeating patterns.
- Make comparisons between objects relating to size.
- Learn what quantities of 1-3 look like without having to count them.
- Link numerals and quantities 1-3.
- Count by rote to 10.
- Learn about numbers through acting out and learning number rhymes.

Literacy

- Listening, sharing and turn-taking activities and games.
- Our class library will start after half term - the children will be able to choose a book to bring home and share with you each week.
- Learn our Nursery Rhyme of the Week
- Say our daily alphabet chant.
- Hear initial sound at the beginning of their name and other words.
- Join in with familiar rhymes and stories
- Sequence stories and events.
- Handle tools with increasing control e.g. paint brushes and playdough tools.

We will be finding out about our Catholic Faith throughout the year. 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 or bedding plants would be very much appreciated. As well as planning for the children's own needs and interests, this half term our themes will be 'All About Me' and 'Autumn' and next half term we will be learning about 'Winter' and 'Different Occupations', so it would be great if any parents could come in and talk about the work you do.

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. Please make sure that your child has a named pair of pumps to keep in Nursery and we are asking you to send your child into Nursery already dressed for P.E. on a Tuesday.

We always encourage the children to play outdoors in all weathers so please send in a pair of wellingtons and some spare clothes (all named) so they can explore this environment. 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.

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

We will also place our Money Monster pot outside the Nursery door. If you are able to, we would really appreciate any weekly donations of £1 which help us to buy things such as cooking ingredients and compost to take the 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 arrivals 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.

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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