



# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## EYFS Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2

### Communication and Language

Our Literacy texts for this half term will focus on our topics of 'Cooking' and 'Spring'. These books are part of our reading spine. We hope you will enjoy reading these books with your child at home. The focus for our lessons and provision will be to develop the children's vocabulary, especially around chemistry and seasonal changes.



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## Physical Development

### Reception

We will continue to use lots of different ways of moving with fluency and control. We will also practise climbing over, under and through obstacles. In our spring topic we will develop our fine motor skills by planting flowers.

### Nursery

We will continue to learn how to be run, jump, hop and use large muscle movements through collaborative games. They will increasingly be able to use and remember sequences and patterns of movements which are related to music and rhythm.

## Personal and Emotional Development

This half term the children will be understanding and talking about overall factors that can support wellbeing, in particular healthy eating and the importance of a balanced diet. They

Will continue to develop their problem solving skills and growth mindset through independent challenges in provision time.

## Maths

Our main aim this half term is to continue to develop our knowledge surrounding number and numerical patterns through practical activities and using manipulatives. The children will continue to develop their subitising skills for numbers within and beyond 5, and increasingly connect quantities to numerals. They will begin to identify missing parts for numbers within 5 and explore the structure of the numbers 6 and 7 as '5 and a bit' and connect this to finger patterns and the Hungarian number frame. They will learn about equal and unequal groups when comparing numbers.

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## Understanding the World

In our cooking topic we will be looking at chemistry. We will learn that food can be eaten raw (fruit etc) but that most food changes from one state to another when it is cooked (heated). To know the names of key foods - fruits, vegetables and to begin to understand what is meant by a balanced diet. We will be sorting and observing fruits and vegetables as well as creating smoothies and fruit kebabs.

## Literacy

We will be leading our topic with the stories in the 'Communication and Language' box. In Reception, we will be labelling key moments from the texts as well as reading and writing a simple sentence from each story. In Nursery, we will learn how to hear sounds in words through 'Fred games.' We will also continue to learn how to write our name.

## Expressive Art and Design

We will be creating our own fruit face collages in the style of Arcimboldo. We will also paint sunflowers in the style of Van Gogh.



## Understanding the World

In our 'Spring' topic we will learn that as the earth moves around the sun, the weather here on earth changes... because the earth is tilted. This is how we get the seasons. We will recognise some of the changes in the natural world due to the seasonal changes of spring. We will learn about how plants grow and know that plants have a life-cycle. We will also celebrate easter by having a spring sing performance.

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