St. Paul's C of E VA Primary and Nursery School

Walk On Water

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Nursery

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Autumn 2 2026

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely half term break. Please read the information below to find out what we will be learning in class this half term.

Phonics

This half term we will continue to use nursery rhymes to explore sounds in the world around us, voice sounds, rhyme, syllables and hearing sounds at the beginning of words through alliteration. We will also explore a new sound each week, playing games to hear the sound at the beginning of a word and to orally blend the sounds in the word.



Reading

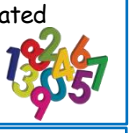
We will listen to stories, rhymes and poems on a daily basis and the children can explore the reading area independently, learning to handle the books carefully. Each Monday (or Tuesday/Thursday if they are not in on a Monday) they will be able to take a book home from the class to share with you at home. Please do share books and stories regularly with your child and visit your local library. Talk to them about what's happening in the pictures, what will happen next and what they liked about the story. As a story becomes familiar to your child, you could encourage them to join in with the repeated words or act it out to you. Please come into Nursery on Monday 16th November for shared reading, where you can read some stories with your child. This will happen once a half term.

Literacy

We will have a focus book each week related to our topic or the children's interests. We will let you know in the weekly bulletin what that book will be. There will be activities planned around this book. We will be encouraging the children to listen to and join in with repeated refrains in rhymes and stories as well as talking about the key events and phrases.
The children will continue to learn to recognise their names through daily self-registration, and they will explore mark making using a variety of tools and mediums.

Maths

This half term we will be learning to say number names in order; relating number names to amounts and counting 3 objects; joining in with repeated patterns in stories and songs; exploring, describing and sorting shapes; and responding to the language of position.



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This half term we will be thinking about why Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas and we look forward to presenting our own nativity play to you in December!

MESSAGES

- **Please ensure all uniform is named.**
- Remember to wear joggers/shorts, a T-shirt and your school jumper/cardigan for PE on Mondays.
- Parent or grandparent help in class is always appreciated. Please let us know if you can support in any way.
- Please put a note in the link book if you would like to come in and read a story to the children at the end of the morning or day.
- Don't forget to have wellies and coats in school for woodland activities and outdoor learning!

Understanding the World



This half term, our topic is 'Let's Celebrate' where we will look at celebrations and festivals including Bonfire Night, Diwali, birthdays and Christmas. We will also be looking at the changes around us as we move into Winter. As always, topics each week will be dependent on children's interests and may be something totally different!

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be singing various celebration songs, Christmas songs, nursery rhymes and listening to pieces of music daily. The children can also explore the nursery instruments. They have opportunities to create in their play using a variety of objects and mediums. This half term they will also create fireworks pictures and make celebration cakes.

Physical Development

Each day there will be lots of opportunities for the children to develop their fine and gross motor skills through movement inside the class and in the outside areas. Each morning the children will participate in a 'Busy Fingers' activity to develop the strength in the muscles in their hands ready for writing. We will encourage the children to use scissors and to hold a pencil correctly. PE will be on a Monday morning. The children will be developing fundamental skills such as balancing, running, jumping, hopping and changing direction.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will encourage the children to continue exploring the resources in the nursery, selecting what they would like to play with and how they want to play with it. We will provide opportunities for the children to learn to talk, listen, share, co- operate and collaborate when playing with others. We will encourage the children to 'Be Like The Bearcub' and not give up when something is hard and we will focus on kindness during 'It's Cool To be Kind' week.

KEY DATES FOR NURSERY

Show and Tell will be on a **Monday** this half term.

Shared Reading—Monday 16th November 9 — 9.25am

Friday 11th December— EYFS Nativity 9.30am

Throughout the year please do come and talk to us if you have any questions, concerns or if we can help in any way.