

St Aidans Catholic Primary Academy

Autumn Two in Reception

Literacy

We are looking at important days such as Bonfire night and Remembrance day to start with. We will after progress on to stories that centre around Advent and the Nativity for the remaining 5 weeks.

We will be focusing on:

- Using these stories as a base to think about the Nativity and Festive traditions.
- Thinking about the emotions of those involved in both fiction and non fiction around these topics.
- Developing written language further.

We are reading...



We will be developing our fluency, pace and stamina.

We will read 1:1 with an adult, small groups and daily guided reading sessions.

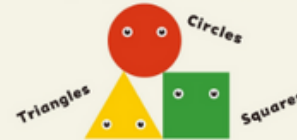
We will continue to deepen our comprehension skills with our reading books.

Maths

We will be looking at:

- Going over numbers from 1 to 5, thinking about how we can create a number up to 5 using two numbers in subtraction and addition.
- Looking at shapes such as circles and triangles and how we can identify these in our environment.
- Investigating 4 sided shapes and learning to name these shapes.

Playing with shapes!



Art

We will be developing our drawing and painting skills by:

- Using bright colours to paint angels from our nativity story.
- Experimenting with different materials such as pastels, crayons and chalk to create Nativity and Christmas inspired art pieces!
- Decorating baubles and decorations.



Communication and Language

- We will be developing our use of language within retelling the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text, some as exact repetition and some in their own words.
- Communicating through role play and actions what happened in the Nativity.



Understanding the World

We are explorers!

In cohesion with our Advent theme of Mary and Joseph's journey we will be looking particularly into resources such as Maps, and flags.

We will be considering the places Mary walked through for the preparation of Jesus birth.

Learning about:

- What maps look like
- Using globes
- Traditional festivities and celebrations around the world within Advent and Christmas time.
- Key countries from our stories heritage and flags.



Physical Development

-Using our environment both indoor and outside we will explore Christmas dances and walking, hopping and skipping.

-A focus on enhancing our gross motor skills through exploratory play and movement!



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We will be focusing on the coming of Christ and how Catholics celebrate and worship during the lead up to Christmas day.



- How Christmas time encourages us to care and love one another.
- Looking at the Gospels of Matthew and Luke to recount the Holy Spirit entering Bethel.
- The gift of giving to each other over this important time.

PSHE

We will consider and discuss:

- How we can care for one another.
- How we can show kindness at Christmas to others.



Homework

Please listen to your child read 3+ times per week. Reading records will be checked every Friday.

Phonics practice and homework will be sent home each Friday.

Music

We will be exploring:

- Creating music that is festive with bells and tambourines.
- Learning new songs with melody and body percussion to maintain a beat throughout.



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-We will be looking at how we can create our own decorations for Christmas trees and to hang around the home or classroom.

-Creating an advent candle reef out of salt dough and stars, angels and gift shapes out of egg boxes and salt dough ..