



# Our Lady and St Joseph Curriculum Newsletter

## Autumn Term- Reception



Dear Parents, a warm welcome to OLSJ and to Reception. The children are settling well and they are getting used to the school's routines. Our focus, especially this term, is to create an environment where children feel safe, happy, cared for and listened to. Below an overview of the curriculum for the Autumn Term.

	PSED	Children will be encouraged, through modelling, class activities and choosing time, to develop their independence, confidence and to build strong relationships with peers and adults in class.
	C&L	We will focus on developing listening and speaking skills through carpet sessions and group or 1:1 work. We will also encourage children to introduce a narrative during imaginative play.
	PD	Weekly PE sessions will help us explore ways of moving our bodies and using different kinds of equipment. In class, we will focus on fine motor skills to improve pencil grip and children's accuracy when mark making and forming letters.
	Literacy	At OLSJ, we use 'Floppy's Phonics'. Children will learn the sound of the letters and use them to read and write simple phonetically decodable words. Daily story time and weekly focus texts will be the core of the Literacy curriculum in Reception, with the aim of developing children's lifelong love for reading and writing.
	Maths	We will focus on counting, recognising and understanding the composition of numbers to 10. We will also learn to read and make patterns as well as to recognize 2D shapes.
	R.E/R.S.E.	We follow the 'Come and See' curriculum. We will be learning about Domestic Church (myself and my family), Baptism (belonging and a welcome to God's family) and Advent (Jesus' birthday).
	UtW	We will begin by talking about ourselves and our families, what makes us the same but also different. We will also explore and observe the nature around us as we go into Autumn and Winter.
	EA&D	We will create art experimenting with colours, design, texture and different mediums.
	Music	In music, children will be introduced to recognising the difference between rhythm and the different instruments of the percussion family.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Homework due in. ( <u>This will start after Autumn half term</u> )		- PE session with Mr. James. Come into school in PE kit.	- Homework given out, due back on Monday. ( <u>This will start after Autumn half term</u> ) -Library session with parents.	

We will work very hard to ensure your child has the best possible start to their life in school. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions as your support at home is equally precious to guarantee the best progress for your child.

Many thanks,

Chiara Scarpini (Reception Class teacher)