Reception Curriculum Letter

Autumn Term

Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

With God's guidance we grow and learn.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Reception! We are so excited to begin this special year with your child. In Reception, children learn through play, exploration, practical experiences and focused teaching. This helps them grow in confidence, independence and curiosity.

Let's learn, explore and grow together!

The 7 Areas of Learning

Our learning is planned through the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

Prime Areas

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development

Specific Areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Our Autumn Themes

Autumn 1

Me, My Family and My Community



Autumn 2

Our Homes and Our Stories



Key Dates & Experiences

- Harvest celebrations
- Black History Month
- Diwali
- Remembrance Day
- Visits to church
- Theatre / Pantomime visit
- Visits from community helpers
- Nativity celebrations
- Stay and Play sessions

What We Will Be Learning

Religious Education

Creation and Covenant

- God created our world.
- Harvest and saying thank you.
- Advent and preparing for Christmas.
- Prayer, worship and church visits.

Literacy

- Daily Read Write Inc. phonics (Set 1 sounds).
- Enjoy stories, poems and rhymes.
- Mark-making and early writing.
- Writing names and simple words.

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Mathematics

- Explore numbers to 5.
- Counting and subitising.
- Sort and compare objects.
- Explore patterns and shapes.
- Use mathematical language in play.

Understanding the World

Geography

- Our home, school and local area.
- Maps and familiar places.
- Different homes and communities.

History

- About ourselves and our families.
- Black History Month.
- Remembrance Day.
- Important events and people.

Science

- Seasonal changes (Autumn).
- Living and non-living things.
- Exploring with our senses.

PSHE

Using Ten Ten – Life to the Full

Children will learn:

- Build friendships.
- Understand feelings and emotions.
- What makes us unique and special.
- Be kind and respectful.
- Keep ourselves safe and healthy.

Art & Design

- Colour, painting and collage.
- Mark-making and materials.
- Self-portraits and family art.

Design Technology

Food and Healthy Choices

- Learn about healthy foods.
- Prepare food safely.
- Design and make a healthy snack.
- Evaluate our finished product.

Music

My Musical Heartbeat

- Nursery rhymes and songs.
- Pulse, rhythm and movement.
- Explore instruments.
- Prepare for our Christmas Nativity.

Physical Education

PE Days: Monday and Friday

Autumn 1 – Multi Skills

Autumn 2 – Dance: Toys

Children will:

- Balance, run, jump and throw.
- Build coordination and teamwork.
- Create dances inspired by toys.
- Move safely and with confidence.

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Our Class Charity

This year, children will learn about a range of charities and the important work they do.

Children will vote democratically to choose a class charity to support throughout the year.

How You Can Help at Home

- Read every day
- abc – Practise phonic sounds
- 1 2 3 – Count and talk about numbers
- Talk about family and special memories
- Encourage independence
- Share stories, songs and rhymes

Thank you for your continued support.

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