

Autumn Overview Reception 2025

Welcome to your child's first 'Curriculum Overview'. These are sent out at the beginning of each term and detail some of the things your child will be learning about at school. We hope that it helps you to provide further support for your child at home and also to ask that if you have any resources/skills linked to our topics then we would love to hear from you via Tapestry and email. Whilst in Reception your child will be following the 'Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum' (EYFS). This divides learning into 7 areas, with Religious Education being integral to all areas of learning.



Religious Education

Our units this term are "Creation and Covenant" and "Prophecy and Promise" and include the following:

- Hearing that God made our beautiful world and everything in it.
- Hearing the words and action of the sign of the cross.
- Believing that God made each of us and that God loves us as a unique person.
- Believing that we must take care of our wonderful world.
- Hearing and responding to things God created for us and how to care for them.
- Celebrating God's beautiful world.
- Understanding that we enter God's family through Baptism.
- Treating others in a caring way as God made us all special and unique.
- Hearing about the Annunciation and the Nativity.
- Hearing about the shepherds visiting the manger.
- Believing that Mary was chosen by God to give birth to his son.
- Believing Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger.
- Believing that shepherds were told by angels to visit him.
- Celebrating the tradition of the crib to tell the story of Jesus' birth.
- Celebrating Advent and to think of ways to help others during this time.



Phonics and Literacy

Focus will be on:

- Recapping of Phase 1 Letters and Sounds.
- Teaching Phase 2 of Letters and Sounds using our scheme Little Wandles Letters and Sounds. (See [Little Wandles Letters and Sounds Website](#) for further information).
- Learning single letter sounds.
- Blending CVC (consonant - vowel - consonant) words verbally.
- Segmenting CVC words verbally and beginning to write simple words/captions.

- Books linked to "All about Me" and "Traditional Tales" linked to our Topics.
- Identifying characters and settings of a familiar book.
- Joining in with repeated refrains of familiar stories.
- Beginning to use language from stories when discussing.

Mathematics

Focus will be on:

- Building on previous experiences of number from home and nursery environments.
- Further developing skills of subitising and counting skills.
- Exploring the compositions of numbers within 5.
- Comparing sets of objects and using the language of comparison.
- Using familiar objects and common shapes to create and recreate patterns and build models.
- Looking at 2D shapes and their properties.
- Engaging with "Numberblocks" to support our learning of number.
- Comparing Size, Mass and Capacity.
- Positional language and spatial awareness.
- An introduction to Time.
- Number formation practice.



Physical Development

Focus will be on:

- Experimenting with different ways of moving both in the classroom and within PE sessions with Coach Dave.
- Using cutlery with increased control and independence.
- Securing a preference for a dominant writing hand.
- Development of effective pencil grip.
- Developing cutting skills through cross curricular means.

- Daily Dough Disco and Scarf Dancing to help develop our fine motor control and coordination to help begin to form recognisable letters.



Personal Social and Emotional Development

Focus will be on:

- Children building new relationships with other children and adults.
- Children playing co-operatively, taking turns with others.
- Children being confident to try new activities with and without adult support.
- Taking steps to resolve conflicts with other children, e.g. finding a compromise.
- Building confidence to speak in a familiar group.
- Being able to identify some common feelings in self and others.
- Awareness of the boundaries set and of behavioural expectations at St Vincent's.
- Managing their own basic hygiene and personal needs successfully, including dressing and going to the toilet independently.



Communication and Language

Focus will be on:

- Joining in with small group and class discussions (listening to others and their views).
- Following instructions involving one or two key parts.
- Learning and using new vocabulary.
- Answering how questions.
- Asking more complex questions to support learning.
- Using full sentences to express complete ideas.



Expressive, Arts and Design

Focus will be on:

- Using a variety of different media independently including pencils, crayons, paint, chalk, construction toys.
- Talking about their creations, what they like and could improve.
- Adapting construction to achieve a desired outcome.
- Using colour for a purpose.
- Keeping a beat with a musical instrument/body percussion.
- Performing familiar songs/rhymes.

- Participating in collaborative and creative activities.
- Retelling stories through use of puppets, toys, masks and small world.

Understanding the World

Focus will be on:

- Children talking about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members including when they were a baby.
- Discussing past and upcoming events within their own family.
- Discussing the roles of people in the community around us.
- Learning about toys from the past and how they compare to toys we have now.
- Seasonal changes from Summer to Autumn and Autumn to Winter.
- Observations of the natural world - making simple drawings and observations.
- Exploring our school grounds with Miss Hughes in Forest Schools sessions.
- Learning to use simple ICT programmes on computers and I pads.



Other information

- The Reception Class Day runs from 8.55 am till 3.25pm. Children to be picked up and dropped off from the Reception Class Gate. Gate will open in the morning at 8.50am.
- Please ensure that you check Tapestry each week for updates on your child's learning at school. We will try to send reminders for upcoming events on this too.
- PE will be on Friday afternoons with Coach Dave. PE bags will be sent home every half term to be washed and returned to school. No earrings to be worn for PE and long hair to be tied up.
- Children need their coats in school every day particularly as we head towards the colder months. Please ensure that these coats are also waterproof.

- The only bags children require in Reception are their green book bags. Over the next few weeks, we will be sending home Reading Folders with resources to practice at home and any home learning tasks.
- Please continue to help your child to practise putting on/taking off coats and jumpers and getting dressed and undressed. **Please ensure that all school uniform is clearly labelled.**
- Children do not require water bottles in Reception, the children have their own cups in school and are able to access water at any point they wish to during the school day. Children are also offered milk every day.
- All children are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal.
- We will let the children know which House Team they are in shortly. The house teams at St Vincent's are **St Andrew**, **St David**, **St George** and **St Patrick**. These house teams will be used for house points show and tell and sports teams.
- Our first Forest School Session will be on Monday 20th October. On this day children will need to bring a bag of clothes to change into to go into our Forest Area. Miss Hughes asks that the children have trousers/leggings to protect their legs and where possible long sleeve tops/jumpers. Children may bring Wellies/trainers to wear depending on the weather. On Forest School days the children will come to school in their uniform then change into their Forest School clothes after lunch. Children will then come home wearing Forest School clothes and bring home their uniform home with them.
- We will be holding our first Stay and Learn Session on Tuesday 7th October at 9am - 10am the focus of this will be Phonics and Early Reading. This is an opportunity for parents to come and find out about how we teach Phonics



and Early Reading at St Vincent's and then to engage in some activities with the children. We will send out more information regarding this in the next few weeks.

- Our second Stay and Learn Session will be on Tuesday 25^h November 9am - 10am with a focus on Maths in the Early Years.
- Parents evening will be on Tuesday 21st October. Details to be sent out nearer the time as to how to book an appointment.
- Harvest Festival will be on Friday 17th October in the afternoon (time to be confirmed).

We look forward to working with you all this year.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Quinn (Class Teacher)

Miss Fairhurst (Teaching Assistant)

Miss Hughes (Teaching Assistant)