



Reception –
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Autumn 2

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Dear parents / carers,
Welcome to our Saplings class!
We hope you have all had a lovely Autumn break and are excited about starting a new half term!

I am thrilled to be teaching at St Mary Magdalen's in Reception this year. It's going to be a great year of fun-filled, creative learning, hard work and fantastic experiences. Our topic this half term will be 'Christmas'.

Reminders:

- Reading books are changed on Fridays, but please send them into school with your child every day as there will be many opportunities to read in class.
- Please access the Homework Grid to see the half termly tasks for your children to complete.
- PE is on Wednesday - children must have a school P.E. kit in school.
- Homework is due in on Fridays when set – children receive class Trackit points for completing their weekly homework.

Kind regards,
Mr Walne,
Mrs Morgan and Mrs Jones.

Maths

Over the next 8 weeks in maths, we will be learning:

To count and use numbers up to 5 including less and more.

Looking at shapes such as triangles and circles and 4 sided shapes.

Understanding the world

Past and Present - The children will be learning and exploring their own past and present taking their first look into History.

Expressive Art and Design

Within expressive arts, the children will have the opportunity to use an array of resources, allowing them to mix, explore and understand colour, using many techniques and mediums as the half term progresses.

English

We will be continuing to follow our Read write inc scheme of work. In addition to this we will be doing daily stories with our 'Drawing club' surrounding Traditional tales.

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Christmas- The children will explore the Christmas Story and have lots of opportunity for roleplay within the school day .

Music

The children will be investigating and learning about rhythm and tempo, as well as exploring a range of instruments. They will listen to and repeat back patterns within the music. Children will also be learning lots of Christmas Carols for our Christmas performance.

PE

Fundamental movement skills, such as catching, throwing and travelling.

PSED

The children will continue their development of understanding their and others' emotions. They will also be looking into their own strengths and what makes us who we are.

Phonics

In phonics we will be following read write inc focusing on Set 1 sounds, introducing them to the letter shapes and sounds they make. They will have lots of opportunity to create and use these sounds within their activities.