



Holy Rosary

RC Primary School



Year 1 Parent Guide – Autumn Term

A snapshot of what your child will be learning this term

Our Pathways to Write Texts

Autumn 1



"Lost and Found" by Oliver Jeffers

Children will explore friendship, feelings and adventure.

Writing outcome:
Adventure story

Children will learn to retell, sequence and innovate stories.

Autumn 2



"Nibbles: The Book Monster" by Emma Yarlett

Children will enjoy playful storytelling and exciting book adventures.

Writing outcome:
Diary / recount writing

Children will write about Nibbles' adventures and create their own ideas.

In English, children will also develop



sentence building



joining ideas using "and"

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using capital letters and full stops

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beginning to use question marks and exclamation marks



spelling common exception words



applying phonics in reading and writing

Autumn Curriculum Overview



Science

- Plants: basic structure and observing growth over time
- Human body and senses



Geography

- Where is my school?
- Seasonal changes



History

- Have toys changed within our family's lifetime?
- Looking at changes over time



Art & Design

- Drawing: spirals and line work
- Exploring colour, pattern, texture, shape and simple watercolour



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- Structures: stability and strength



Maths

- Place value within 10
- Addition and subtraction within 10



RE / Personal Development

- building positive relationships, safety and belonging

How you can help at home



Read regularly together and talk about the story.



Practise phonics and key spellings little and often.



Encourage your child to talk in full sentences.



Notice signs of autumn, plants and seasonal change outdoors.



Ask questions about family toys, school and local area.

Our school values

Faith • Love • Joy • Committed • Belong

Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home



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Page 2: Helping Your Child at Home

Simple weekly ideas, useful links and resources to support learning at home

Our weekly home-learning routine

- Read together for 10 minutes each day
- Practise phonics and tricky words little and often
- Encourage your child to speak in full sentences
- Count, compare and calculate in everyday life
- Notice the world around you and talk about what you see

Autumn 1 – Weekly learning and parent activities

Week 1

Learning:
Lost and Found

Try this at home:
Retell the story and draw the penguin and the boy.

Week 2

Learning:
Friendship and feelings

Try this at home:
Talk about how the characters feel and why.

Week 3

Learning:
Where is my school?

Try this at home:
Draw a simple map from home to school.

Week 4

Learning:
Plants

Try this at home:
Find a plant outside and label root, stem, leaf and flower.

Week 5

Learning:
Place value within 10

Try this at home:
Count household objects to 10 and compare more and less.

Week 6

Learning:
Structures

Try this at home:
Build a strong boat or tower using boxes or blocks.

Autumn 2 – Weekly learning and parent activities

Week 1

Learning:
Nibbles: The Book Monster

Try this at home:
Predict what might happen next and design your own book monster.

Week 2

Learning:
Recount and diary writing

Try this at home:
Say what happened first, next and last, then write one or two sentences.

Week 3

Learning:
Toys from the past

Try this at home:
Compare an old toy and a new toy. What is the same? What is different?

Week 4

Learning:
Addition and subtraction within 10

Try this at home:
Use toys or snacks to make simple number sentences.

Week 5

Learning:
Seasonal changes

Try this at home:
Go on an autumn walk and spot signs of the season.

Week 6

Learning:
Review and celebrate learning

Try this at home:
Share a favourite book and revisit tricky words together.

Useful websites and resources

Oxford Owl
home.oxfordowl.co.uk
– free ebooks, phonics and reading help

PhonicsPlay
phonicsplay.co.uk
– phonics games and practice

Topmarks
topmarks.co.uk
– maths and phonics games

BBC Bitesize
bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary
– short videos and activities

BookTrust
booktrust.org.uk
– book recommendations and reading ideas

NumBots
play.numbots.com
– early number fluency practice

Please speak to school if you would like more ideas or extra support at home.

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