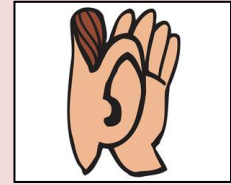




Communication and Language

Children will develop their communication and language skills by:

- Listening to daily stories and nursery rhymes
- Talking about stories and remembering what happens
- Looking at books with adults and beginning to retell them using the pictures
- Singing lots of songs every day
- Learning to pay attention to more than one thing at a time, which can be difficult!
- Listening to and follow simple instructions as part of our routines such as 'wash your hands' or 'get your coat'.
- Hearing adults ask 'why' questions when playing and learning together



Physical Development

Children will develop their gross motor skills by:

- Having lots of opportunities to go up steps, slide and climb in our Early Years garden
- Using wheeled vehicles such as tricycles
- Learning how to play some simple ball games
- Skipping, hopping and balancing during games
- Playing games involving waving flags and streamers
- Making marks using large movements such as with chalks, paint or water.



Children will develop their fine motor skills by:

- Beginning to make snips using scissors
- Beginning to hold a pencil with a comfortable grip
- Practising putting on coats and doing up zips

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will develop their Personal, Social and emotional skills by:

- Beginning to select and use toys independently
- Beginning to see themselves as part of our Sacred Heart community and part of our nursery class
- Thinking about and remembering some simple rules for keeping safe and happy in nursery
- Beginning to find ways of being assertive and solving conflict, with the support of adults
- Becoming increasingly independent, for example by using the toilet and washing our hands
- Beginning to talk about and make healthy choices at snack time



Literacy

Children will develop their reading skills by:

- Reading lots of stories with adults
- Beginning to understand that print carries meaning and that writing 'says something'
- Beginning to understand that in English we read from left to right and top to bottom.
- Talking about the stories we read together and learning lots of new words.



Children will develop their writing skills by:

- Beginning to see themselves as confident writers by using emergent writing in different contexts such as pretending to write a shopping list
- Beginning to write some letters from their name



Mathematics

Children will develop their understanding of number and numerical patterns by:

- Counting together as a class each day
- Having lots of opportunities to count different objects, saying one number name for each item.
- Understanding that the last number counted tells you how many there are in total.
- Using fingers to show amounts up to 5
- Playing games to help develop understanding of positional language (under, on, behind, Next to, on top of)
- Using shapes appropriately to build, including combining shapes to make new ones



Understanding the World

Children will develop their understanding of the World by:

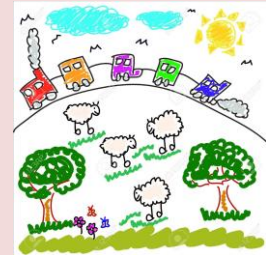
- Exploring lots of natural materials, such as leaves, conkers and pine cones using our senses.
- Talking about what they see, learning new words and using a wide vocabulary
- Exploring how things work and talking about what we find out.
- Talking about different materials, what they are used for and how they might change.



Expressive arts and design

Children will be encouraged to create and be imaginative by:

- Having access to a range of different materials such as paint, chalks, crayons, pencils, printing, collage and 'junk' materials
- Developing their own ideas about how to make something
- Exploring different materials and how they can be used when creating things
- Making more complex models when using construction toys and materials
- Using small world toys such as dinosaurs, fairies and superheroes to begin making up stories
- Taking part in pretend play



Religious Education

Children will begin to:

- Learn to make the sign of the cross and begin to learn some of our school prayers
- Know the importance of our names
- Know that God loves us
- Know our family names and that God loves our families too
- Know that everyone is precious to God and that we can give thanks through prayer.

