

Mission Statement Motto: *Building relationships with God and each other, working hard in faith and hope to give our best in all things*

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Dear Parents/Carers of St Lucy and St Francis of Assisi Classes

Spring Term Curriculum Letter

We hope you all had a restful and wonderful break and the children are eager to be back in school ready for what 2025 may bring. Thank you so much for all your support last term and for helping your child settle into their new classes and routines. If any of your information such as mobile phone numbers have changed over the holidays, please can you update the school office.

Our topics this term:



Both St. Lucy and St. Francis classes will be following the same topics this term; 'Once upon a time' and Nursery rhymes and Animals. The first topic we will focus on traditional tales and nursery rhymes such as 'the 3 little pigs, Jack and the beanstalk, humpty dumpty, hickory dickory dock'. The children will be learning the stories, re-telling them, acting them out, making artwork and junk modelling about the stories and much more! With the nursery rhymes it's about learning simple rhymes, looking for rhyming words, re-telling them and basing different activities around them. As is always the case in Early Years, planning can change depending on the children's individual interests.

Useful links:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths> (Reception children)

Lunchtimes: The children work hard during their time at school and a healthy substantial lunch is extremely important in ensuring that they are ready to learn in the afternoons. If you choose to supply your child with a packed lunch, please give your children a healthy lunch box. Please do not overwhelm your child with too much food. Children are also provided with a piece of fruit for snack time which comes from the local council's '5-a-day scheme', a free service. The children are also given the option of milk during the day.



Water: Water is readily available for all children. Please send your child into school with a water bottle every day. Please ensure that the bottle is clearly labelled. **Please only provide water.**

Uniform – please make sure the children are in correct uniform so they are ready to learn.

For health and safety reasons, children may only wear small stud earrings and no other jewellery.

Spare Uniform: **Please ensure that your child has spare uniform in school.- Please can you check that it is weather appropriate and still fits them.** Accidents DO and WILL happen and if your child has spare uniform, we will not need to disturb you to bring spare clothes for them. Spare clothes should consist of a full uniform along with underwear, vest and socks.



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Raincoats and Wellies: Please ensure that your child has wellington boots and a raincoat in school (or wear the raincoat that morning). Children in the Early Years play outside in all weathers and we need to ensure that they are prepared for the fun that a rainy-day puddle can bring!

Coats: Please ensure that your child has their coat with them every day. The weather is extremely changeable, and the children need to keep warm.



PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM ARE APPROPRIATELY LABELLED. WE CANNOT HELP YOU TO FIND MISSING ITEMS IF THEY ARE NOT LABELLED CLEARLY.

Parental Involvement:

We will be focusing on different children each week to follow their progress throughout the year. We will inform you when it's your child week and will give you feedback after their week. This is on a rolling cycle so each child was observed last term and we will start again this term.

We would also like to celebrate all their achievements outside school, so please let us know if the children achieve anything.

Please do not hesitate to see us with any questions that you may have.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hodson and Mrs Moore
The Early Years Teaching Staff

