

## What to expect in Reception



*To love, serve and learn as Jesus shows us*

Welcome to Reception! We are pleased that your child has begun their learning journey at St. Vincent's. The children have settled into their new classroom this month and are already developing key social skills and inquisitiveness. This page will provide you with some information about the learning that happens in Reception and how you can help your child. Be sure to check Tapestry often to receive regular updates on your child's progress.

### What will my child learn?

Children in Reception follow the Early Years Curriculum. It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning.

There are three prime areas of learning and development:

- . Communication and language
- . Physical Development
- . Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As well as four specific areas of learning and development:

- . Literacy
- . Mathematics
- . Understanding the World
- . Expressive Arts and Design

Children will partake in daily phonics lessons through Twinkl Phonics. Through this they will begin to develop their early reading skills such as blending, decoding and segmenting sounds in words.

Children will develop Mathematical fluency through 'Mastering Number' by the end of Reception children will be able to subitise amounts (recognise without counting) up to 5 and automatically recall number facts to 5 and some number bonds to 10.

Children are given sessions of V.I.P time (Very Important Play) each day to engage with resources around the class. They will begin to develop independence and select resources they would like to play with independently

Children will also develop the Characteristics of Effective Learning. Through support by the Reception staff children will begin to develop a 'can do' attitude, showing eagerness to engage in new experience as well as showing perseverance in the face of challenge.

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### How can I help my child?

The most important thing is to continue to talk to your child about their experiences in school. What sounds did they learn that day? What was the Number of the Day? This allows children to develop their communication skills and share the interesting learning and play they partook in.

Continue to practise sound talking words in conversation with your child. For example "I can see a d-o-g" plenty of exposure to sound talking will support the children in doing this themselves.

Read plenty of stories and allow children to talk about the stories they listen to. Did they enjoy the story? Who was their favourite character? Children will also receive reading books from school that link to the phonics lessons that week.

### PE Days

PE will take place on Monday and Wednesday Children will be getting changed in school for at least the first term of Reception as to practise their self-help skills.

### Keeping in touch

Please use Tapestry and school diaries for messages. Diaries are checked once a day but Tapestry is checked regularly. Urgent messages can be passed on via the school office. Please ensure you inform us if a new adult is going to be picking up your child.

### Trips/local visits

This year we aim to go on lots of walks in the local area and visit areas in Penketh such as the local Library or shop (for purposes such as story time sessions and buying ingredients for baking). You will be informed when we are planning to go on a small trip.