

St. Patrick's Reception 2023-2024

At St Patrick's we follow the children's interests as much as possible to create an exciting and engaging learning environment which enables all children to make progress. Using child led projects we will help children to meet Reception learning objectives and expectations. Children are encouraged to take the lead on lines of enquiry and work collaboratively to make discoveries and create experiences which strengthen their skills in all areas of the EYFS curriculum.

These projects are woven with more focused learning activities which are more adult led and we will also observe and learn about specific festivals, events and celebrations however we encourage the children to ask questions and take part in discussions which will allow them to lead their own learning with support from an adult.

We follow Sounds Write Phonics which is a very structured and effective phonic programme which is taught daily.

In Literacy, we are introducing Greg Bottrill's 'Drawing Club' this year – a very exciting and engaging way of using stories to foster a love of reading and writing.

For mathematics, we follow NCETM's 'Mastering Number' programme which gives the children a very in depth understanding of number and teaches them vital skills which form the foundations for their learning in Maths from Y1 and beyond.

In Reception we also offer support to children who may need more help with their communication and language skills. This comes in the form of an intervention programme called 'Early Talk Boost'. If staff feel that your child could benefit from this, they will contact you directly.

Areas of learning in Reception

The majority of your child's learning will be through play and exploration and they will be given the opportunity to learn across all seven areas of the EYFS framework. The areas are:

- Literacy
- Maths
- Communication and Language
- Personal Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Understanding the world
- Expressive Art and Design

Core texts

Although we follow the children's interests and will select stories and other texts accordingly, there are several 'core' texts that we will reach for time and time again in Reception. We have included some below for you to explore at home.

[The Wonky Donkey](#)

[Grumpy Frog](#)

[Stick Man](#)

[The Three Billy Goats Gruff](#)

[Max at Night](#)

[Funny Bones](#)