

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to a brand-new year and term at St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School and the first term for your children in the Early Years. As part of our **'Brilliant Beginnings'** this year, we want to ensure that you, our families, have a full view of all of the knowledge rich learning opportunities your children will be apart of this term!

We will be learning lots of new and exciting things across our core and foundation subjects, and we are so excited to share with you our Early learning map for the **Autumn term 2023** (*Please see the map overleaf*)

Our learning journeys will be exciting and packed with rich and deepened knowledge and skills, to ensure that every single one of your children have every opportunity to grow and flourish, each with their individual God Given talents- ready to go on into the world being the best they can truly be. They will build upon this knowledge as they progress up through the school, to ensure their learning is truly embedded and pupils are confident and inspired, always believing in themselves.

As part of their learning journey this term, reception class will be going on a visit to the local Library as part of their learning. *This visit will take place on the 8th December 2023.*

Class teachers will be sending out correspondence regarding **'welcome to class meetings'**, which will take place next week. This will just be a short meeting for you to meet the team, and for teachers to share with you important expectations, dates and deadlines for things such as PE and homework. It will also be an opportunity to ask any questions regarding the EYFS journey. If for any reason you cannot attend this meeting, do not worry, we can catch up with you on another occasion!

If at any point you have any questions or queries regarding your child's learning journey, please come and speak to the class teacher or one of the SLT. Our doors will always be open to you!

Class teachers will be sharing key updates with you on Dojo throughout the term, so keep an eye out!

We are truly excited for the year ahead and working in unity with all of you- our wonderful families on the most spectacular learning journey!

Thank you for your support,

We look forward to meeting you all,

God Bless,

Miss.L.Marshall

and

Mrs N.Smith

Principal

Vice Principal

Art/DT

- Accurate colours and detail- drawing my face
- Drawing basic people
- Collage Elma and Chinese lanterns
- Exploring Kadinski's artwork-circles and triangles
- Firework pictures- chalk and smudging
- Mendi hand patterns- Divali
- Printing technique- Christmas cards
- Clay manipulation- making Baubles
- Sculpture- Play dough manipulation

Science:

Seasons and changes

Materials

States of matter-melting ice

PSHE:

DSL's- who I can talk to

Online Safety

PANTS Campaign

Being me in my world

Celebrating Difference

World Mental Health Day

History

Guy Fawkes

Our Family

Remembrance

Geography

Our local area

Diwali

PE:

Dinosaurs
Walking
Ourselves
Hands

EYFS

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Maths

Match, sort and compare
Talk about Measure and pattern
It's me 123
Circles and triangles
1,2,3,4,5
Shapes with 4 sides

English-

Floppy phonics- reading resources will be shared with you according to the sounds of focus each week.

To correctly hold a pencil using a tripod grip*.

To give meaning to the marks that I make.

Write my name starting with a capital letter.

I can form lower case letters correctly* a-z

To write initial sounds to label pictures.

To write CVC words to label pictures using a sound mat or multiple-choice sounds.

Computing:

Mini-Mash

RE

- Creation
- People who care for us
- Advent
- Christmas

Catholic Social Teaching:

Family and Community

Stewardship of God's Creation

Music:

Me!

My Stories