



## Autumn 1

### Reception Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We want to give you the warmest welcome to your child's first term at St Joseph's RC Primary school!

This half term our focus is to settle the children into the daily routine of school life and to get to know the teachers and the other children in Reception. We want your child to love coming into school and being a part of the St Joseph's family.

Let's look at what your child will be learning -

#### The Early Years framework

This is divided into 7 key areas: the prime areas, communication and language, physical development and personal, social and emotional development. The other areas are literacy, maths, understanding the world and expressive art design. We believe that children learn best by learning through play and hands-on practical activities, so there will be lots of time to explore, experiment and be curious.

Our over arching topic for Autumn term 1 is, '**All Creatures Great and Small**' and '**All about Me!**' These topics are woven into all elements of our learning; including Science, Nature Studies, R.E, literacy and number.

#### Religion

Creation and Covenant.

*We will be looking at the story of Creation and what makes us think 'wow!' when we look at the world around us. We will also be learning how to pray, starting with, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.'*



#### Phonics

At St Joseph's we follow the 'Little Wandle' phonics scheme, focused phonics sessions will take place every day. You can find further information about Little Wandle and how phonics is taught on the school website. [www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/](http://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/)

We will be holding drop-in  
your child learns phonics.

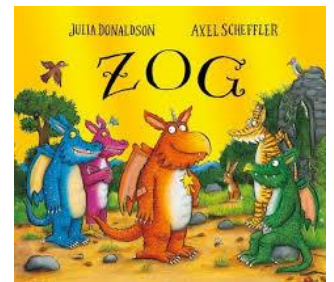
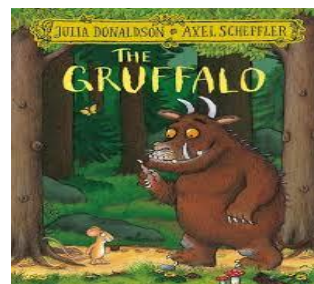
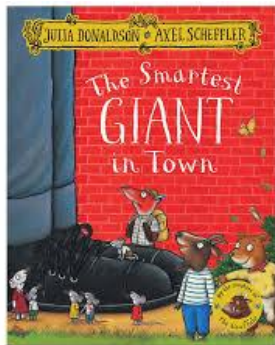
sessions for you to attend and observe how





**Reading** is a crucial part of our learning. Initially we send home reading books with no words; this is only until the children have gained enough phonetical knowledge to begin to 'sound out' words. These books allow children to learn how to talk about stories, turn pages and predict what happens next. We want to instil a love of reading from Reception that lasts a lifetime. Your child will have 3 books in total, one from our reading sessions in school, one chosen from the school library and an unseen book that is at a suitable level for your child to practice reading.

Our author of the term is Julia Donaldson; here are a sample of some of the books we will be reading:



We will provide plenty of opportunities for you to drop into school to see how your child learns and if there is anything that you want to know or share with us, then we can arrange a telephone call after school or you can email the office.

We are so excited to be a part of your child's learning journey and can't wait to get started!

Kindest regards

The St Joseph's Early Years Team