# St Cross Catholic Primary School: Early Years Foundation Stage-Families/Autumn

## Communication & Language

- Listening to others when sharing information about our families and life at home.
- Listening to a variety of stories with increasing levels of attention and recall.
- Taking part in role play activities to develop vocabulary based on children's first hand experiences at home.
- Developing the skill to follow simple two step instructions during the school day and new routines.
- Role Play Area: Home corner.
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Key Vocabulary:

Listening, respectful, rules, routines, family, ourselves, family, different, important, feelings, kind, kindness, gentle

## Physical Development

- Enjoying a range of exercises and movements during PE Lessons.
- Developing special awareness and gross motor skills.
- Throwing and catching large balls.
- We will also focus on putting on and zipping our own coats.

Key Vocabulary:

Space, catching, throwing, exercise, rules, Gross Motor Skills, Fine Motor Skills

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will be focussing on settling into our new class and school this half term.
- Learning our new classroom routines and getting to know our new friends and teachers.
- We will grow in confidence day by day and talk about what we enjoy in school.

Key Vocabulary:

Settling, new, routines, friends, confidence, kind, kindness ourselves, family, different, important, feelings, gentle

## Religious Education

- This half term we will be learning all about God's world. Learning what God created for us and how we can care for the world.
- We will also be learning about God making us, each one of us different and special.
- We will be learning about our class Saint, Saint Cecilia.
- We will be learning about Saint Francis and our Pope.

Key Vocabulary:

Creation, God, world, created, care, different, special, Saint Cecilia, Jesus, Mary, Special

## Understanding the World

- We will discuss our families and talk about our lives at home.
- We will share our customs and routines and act them out within our role play area.
- We will learn about the season of Autumn and what changes we can see.
- We will be celebrating Black History Month.

Key Vocabulary:

Autumn, changes, season, family, different, similar, same, Harvest, Life cycle, Plants, Black history, harvested

## Expressive Arts and Design

- We will explore lots of colours and colour mixing this half term.
- We will have weekly music lessons where we will learn new songs and actions.
- We will look at self-portraits and paint a self-portrait.

Key Vocabulary:

Mixing, singing, moving, listening, printing, combining, media, self- portrait,

## Literacy

- This half term we will enjoy lots of rhyming and rhythmic activities.
- We will begin to learn how to hear and say initial sounds in words and start to link sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet.
- Children will be encouraged to make marks and give meaning to the marks they make as they draw, write and paint relating to our own family.
- We will also practise writing own names every day and other simple words relating to our own family.

Key Vocabulary:

Blend, segment, Phoneme, Grapheme, Diagraph, Capital letter letters, Lowercase letters, Enormous, Autumn, changes

## Mathematics

- We will practise counting objects up to 10 and beyond using number songs and games.
- We will be learning to subitise amounts up to 5.
- Children will compare amounts.
- We will be comparing weights and sizes.
- We will be making repeating patterns
- We will be sorting objects by type and making groups of objects.

Key Vocabulary:

Subitise, 2d shapes, Counting finger, more, less, same, equal, big, small, heavy, light, full, empty, half full, half empty

## Key Books: