



# St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

*'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'*  
*Philippians 4:13*



## Reception Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Reception

*It is lovely to meet all the new children and families. We are looking forward to learning together.*

### **Our Curriculum:**

*(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)*

*We are using the early adopter version of the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile*

#### **Maths**

This term we will be working on number rhymes and reading and writing numbers. We will work mainly on numbers to 12, then to 20 but will experience numbers to 100.

We will be doing lots of counting and sorting objects such as different 2D and 3D shapes.

We will be looking at positional vocabulary with words such as 'under', 'over', 'through', 'around', 'between' and 'beside'.

#### **Literacy**

We will be doing lots of work on letter recognition and beginning to spell some simple words. We will be practising our speaking and listening skills, during role play activities and circle time activities.

The children will receive their first reading activities next week via email. We will be concentrating on learning letter sounds to help us to read and write.

#### **Understanding the World**

This half term's topic is 'Good to be me'. We will be looking at our bodies, our families and our friends. We will be talking about similarities and differences and learning how to get along with each other.

We will also be learning about Autumn and the changes that occur. We will go on an Autumn hunt to collect items to investigate.

After half term, our topic will be 'Celebrations'. We will learn about different kinds of celebrations from our own and other cultures.

#### **Expressive Arts and Design**

We will be looking at ourselves and others and seeing how we can make representations of these. We will be painting self portraits and making collages of our names. We will be using the iPad to take photos of each other and we will be making collages of our friends.

#### **Physical Development**

We will be working with Mr Willock, specialist PE teacher, on a range of physical skills both during P.E. sessions and in our Outdoor Play area. The children will learn to use a range of equipment to work on climbing and balancing skills. We will also be working on moving to music and following instructions. In the classroom we will be working on scissor and threading skills and using pencils with the correct grip.

#### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

This term we will be learning how to be a good friend. We will look at and celebrate our similarities and differences and will learn about our class rules

### **Focus Themes:**

Autumn Term 1: 'Good to be me!'

Autumn Term 2: 'Come and celebrate!'

### **Focus Reading Text:**

'Starting School' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

### **Recommended Websites:**

[www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk](http://www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk) Purple Mash  
CBeebies. In particular Alphablocks, Get Squiggling and Numtums games.  
Please help your child to develop their use of a mouse if you have a computer at home.

### **Twitter Accounts to follow:**

@St\_Wilfrids\_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport

### **Home Learning:**

**Reading:** In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents are asked to read to their children stories, nursery rhymes and interest books to help their child develop a love of books. During the next few weeks, all children will be given a reading book, this may not have words in. Please share these books with your child, talking about the pictures, what they can see, what is happening and what might happen next whilst turning the pages. As your child begins to bring home reading books with words in please help them recognise the letters and sounds and practice reading regularly to establish a routine and help your child develop fluency. Children will have their reading book changed once a week on Wednesday. Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and reading diary on this day. We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read (we expect a minimum of three entries/comments a week).

We will be using the online software 'Evidence Me' to support the sharing of your child's learning this year. If you already have an account set up due to your child attending our Nursery you will receive any notifications to the email address you have already registered. Parents who do not have an account set up will receive a letter with the option to register. Once they have sent an email address to school for Evidence Me they will receive an email inviting them to join. Please check 'junk email' boxes as it may go to this. The email will come from 2eskimos which is the company that make the site. Please share with us pictures of your child's learning outside of school to help us know more about your child's skills and development.

All children will have the opportunity to hear a variety of high quality 'reading for pleasure' texts and 'recommended reads' linked to their focus theme during the school week.

#### **Homework and Spellings:**

Phonics that we are learning will be sent via 2email on Purple Mash every **Monday**. Children will be expected to practice these phonics throughout the week at home.

**Topic Homework:** Children may also be given other types of homework during the course of the year via Purple Mash.

If you are unable to access Purple Mash, please let your child's class teacher know by contacting the school office.

