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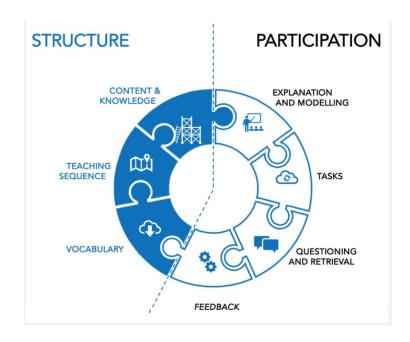
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We firmly believe that the curriculum on offer to our pupils offers them an exceptional education. Our long-term sequences are built from cognitive science and research, including retrieval and spaced-retrieval practice; they are connected and cumulative.

Our aim in the Early Years at Saint Norbert's is to offer all children a rich and ambitious curriculum to provide them with the skills, knowledge and understanding they need to achieve the Early Learning Goals at the end of Reception, and be well prepared for Year 1. We aim to do this through a good balance of high-quality play provision - both indoors and outdoors - and quality direct teaching. Ambitious vocabulary development is underpinned by evidence-led research.

We have constructed a curriculum that promotes a love of learning and develops positive learning behaviours — a solid foundation for the future. We aspire for children to be resilient, happy, fulfilled and successful. We are interested in them achieving highly academically, but we also aim to provide an education which enables them to be 'well-rounded'.





Class 2: Reception

2023 - 2024 curriculum sequence on a page

Autumn 2023	Spring 2024	Summer 2024
Topic		
All About Me	Growing	Traditional Tales
• Celebrations	Transport	Our World
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Structured Story Time Texts (CUSP)		
 What makes Me a Me 	 Mr Wolf's Pancakes – Jan Fearnley 	Clean Up
 I'm (almost) Always Kind - Anna Milbourne 	 Mrs Noah's Garden – Jackie Morris 	Martha Maps it Out
 Standing up to Racism - Dr Pragya Agarwal 	 Tad – Benji Davies 	Anansi and the golden Pot
 The Squirrels Who Squabbled - Rachel Bright 	William Bee's Things That Go- William Bee	It's a No-Monday Day
Pumpkin Soup - Helen Cooper	 Luna Loves Art – Joseph Coelho 	Each Peach Pear Plumb
Celebrations from Around the World - Katy	The Story Orchestra – Katy Flint	The Gingerbread Man
Halford		
Curriculum will be further enhanced by books	Curriculum will be further enhanced by books	Curriculum will be further enhanced by books
matching to theme and child interest.	matching to theme and child interest.	matching to theme and child interest.
Further Texts		
Little Red Hen	Hungry Caterpillar	Three Little Pigs
From Head to Toe - Eric Carle	Once there were Giants	Three Billy Goats
Rama and Sita	Titch	,
	Mr Gumpy's motor car	
Phonics		
 Blend sounds into words orally 	Blend sounds to read words	 Speed Sounds – Revisit Set 1
 Speed Sounds - Set 1 sounds 	 Speed Sounds - Set 1/Set 2 	Speed Sounds – Set 2
Word Time	Red Ditty Books	Green Books
Writing		
Letter formation	Letter formation	Letter formation
Daily name writing	Name Writing	Name Writing
Using letters to represent meaning	Finger spaces between emergent words	Phonetic attempts at words using emergent
Writing CVC words	Phonetic attempts at words using emergent	phonics.
Writing simple labels and captions	phonics	Finger spaces between emergent words
9	Writing CVC/CVCC words	Sentence writing with capital letters and full
	 Writing captions and simple sentences 	stops.
		Writing a series of sentences with capital
AAth. a		letters and full stops.
Maths Power Maths - Book A	Power Maths - Book B	Power Maths Book C
Number and place value - Numbers to 5,	Number and Place Value - Numbers to 10,	Number and place value – Counting on and
comparing groups within 5.	comparing numbers within 10	counting back, numbers to 20, numerical
Addition and Subtraction - Sorting, Change	Addition and Subtraction – Number bonds	patterns
within 5	within 5, addition to 10	Addition and Subtraction – Number bonds to
 Shape, Space and Measure – Time Mastering Maths 	Shape, Space and Measure – Measures Mastering Maths	 Shape, Space and Measure – Patterns, shape and
Subitising within 3	Subitising within 5	space
Counting skills	One more than a given number.	Mastering Maths
• Composition of numbers 3 and 4	Making unequal sets equal. Comparing sets of	 Counting larger sets of objects.
Comparing sets and using language of	objects and using language of comparison.	Subitising to 6.Composition of numbers to 10
comparison	• Composition of numbers 5, 6 and 7.	Automatic recall of number bonds to 5
Explore the concept of 'whole' and 'part. Object requires skills /	Ordering numbers to 8.	Number patterns
Object counting skills/ Matching numerally to guaratities within 10.	• Doubles	Counting
 Matching numerals to quantities within 10. Verbal counting beyond 20. 	Odd and Even numbers	Counting
Verbal counting beyond 20	1	1

The development of children's spoken language underpins all seven areas of learning and development. Children's back-and-forth interactions from an early age form the foundations for language and cognitive development. The number and quality of the conversations they have with adults and peers throughout the day in a language-rich environment is crucial. By commenting on what children are interested in or doing, and echoing back what they say with new vocabulary added, practitioners will build children's language effectively. Reading frequently to children, and engaging them actively in stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems, and then providing them with extensive opportunities to use and embed new words in a range of contexts, will give children the opportunity to thrive. Through conversation, story-telling and role play, where children share their ideas with support and modelling from their teacher, and sensitive questioning that invites them to elaborate, children become comfortable using a rich range of vocabulary and language structures.

Expressive Art and Design

- **Self-Portraits**
- Harvest Songs
- **Christmas Cards**
- Nativity
- College Poppy
- Sketching Poppy
- Bonfire Night art Bread making

- CUSP Recreate famous works of art Henri Matisse, Andy Goldworthy (Luna Loves Art)
- CUSP Spring Sketches (Luna Loves Art) CUSP – Composition of animal sounds (The
- story of Orchestra)
- Class Collective Worship Mather's Day Cards

- CUSP Design and make gingerbread men (Gingerbread Man)
- House models
- **Crowle Show Painting**
- Class Collective Worship
- Father's Day Cards
- Design and make gingerbread men.

•	Christmas Cards	
•	CUSP - Making Pumpkin Soup (Pumpkin soup)	
•	CUSP - Listen to music from different	
	celebrations and play along with different	
	instruments. (Celebrations from round the	
	world)	
•	CUSP – Food tasting from different	
	celebrations. (Celebrations from round the	
	world)	
•	CUSP – Colour mixing skin tones (Standing up	
	to racism)	

PSED

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Understanding the World CUSP - Seasons My Family My School Body Parts All about Crowle Bonfire Night — Guy Fawkes Remembrance Day Diwali	 Sorting types of transport Transport Past and present, Wright Brothers Amelia Earhart How we grow CUSP – Planting seeds, seed diaries. (Mrs Noah's Garden) CUSP – Lifecycle of a frog (Tad) CUSP – Vehicle models (Things that Go) 	 Exploring Materials – Three Pigs Houses, Billy Goat's Bridge Floating and Sinking – Gingerbread Man Homes and Houses past and present Animal homes - habitats CUSP – Sorting household items, past and present (Each Peach Pear Plumb) CUSP – Recycling (Clean up) CUSP – Comparison of traditional Ghanaian life and ours (Anansi and the Golden Pot) CUSP – Key features of the local community (Martha Maps it Out) CUSP – Map of local area (Martha Maps it out) CUSP – Collection for local food bank Famous Explorer - Christopher Columbus 	
Physical Development	Games — Best of Balls Dance — Dance 'till you drop Yoga Personal Hygiene Hand Washing Oral Hygiene Dough Disco Daily Fine Motor Name Writing	Gymnastics – Jumping Jacks and Rock 'n' Roll Games – Olympics Yoga Sports Day Gym Jam Jog Personal Hygiene Hand Washing Oral Hygiene Dough Disco Daily Fine Motor Name Writing	
PSHE / RSE / Safeguarding Bonfire and firework safety awareness Anti-Bullying Week Brake Road Safety Week Journey in Love Ten:Ten Module 1 — Created and Loved by God	 Safe hand-washing Safer Internet Day Journey in Love Ten:Ten Module 2 – Created to Love Others 	Fire Safety Talk Journey in Love Ten:Ten Module 3 – Created to Live in Community	
RE Myself Welcome Birthdays	CelebratingGrowingGathering	Good NewsFriendsOur World	

Class 1: Nursery

2023 - 2024 curriculum sequence on a page

Autumn 2023	Spring 2024	Summer 2024
Topic Additional topics will be based on child interest Celebrations Additional topics will be based on child interest Structured Story Time Texts (CUSP) The Body Book – Hannah Alice My Hair – Hannah Lee My Family and Other Families – Richard and Lewis Edwards-Middleton All through the Night – Polly Faber The Same but Different too – Karl Newson Further Texts The Story of Guy Fawkes The Nativity Rama and Sita	Growing Space Additional topics will be based on child interest Errol's Garden – Gillian Hibbs The Extraordinary Gardener – Sam Broughton The Good Egg – Jory John Astro Girl – Ken Wilson-Max The Way Back Home – Oliver Jeffers Mr Wolf's Pancakes The Tiny Seed – Eric Carle Once There were Giants One Little Chick – Lesley Simmons	Traditional Tales Our World Additional topics will be based on child interest You Choose Fairy Tales – Pippa Goodhart Favourite Nursery Rhymes – Ladybird The Suitcase – Chris Naylor-Ballesteros Tidy – Emily Gravett The Queen's Hat – Steve Antony I am Nefertiti – Annmarie Antang Goldilocks and the Three Bears We're Going on a Bear Hunt We all Went on a Safari
The Little Red Hen Colour Monster Dear Santa Curriculum will be further enhanced by books matching to theme and child interest.	Jasper's Beanstalk The Easter Story Curriculum will be further enhanced by books matching to theme and child interest.	Curriculum will be further enhanced by books matching to theme and child interest.
Phonics Environmental Sounds Listening Sounds Body Percussion Rhythm and Rhyme Initial Sounds RWI Fred Talk Introduced RWI Fred Games using physical objects.	 Environmental Sounds Listening Sounds Body Percussion Rhythm and Rhyme Initial Sounds RWI Fred Talk Introduced RWI Fred Games using physical objects. RWI teach Set 1 photo cards 	 Environmental Sounds Listening Sounds Body Percussion Rhythm and Rhyme Initial Sounds RWI Fred Talk Introduced RWI Fred Games using physical objects. RWI Revisit Set 1 photo cards
Writing Children add meaning to marks they make. Children make marks to represent their name. Children to make marks using a variety of resources. Children begin to distinguish between the marks that they make.	 Revisit skills from Advent Term. Start giving meaning to makes they make. Make marks to be their name. Imitate writing using circles and shapes. Start to copy the initial letter from their name. 	Revisit previous skills. Write first name using correct letter formation.
 Maths Recognise, name and match colours Recognise and match 2 D shapes Sorting objects by size, colour and shape Number 1-2 – Subitising, counting, numeral Recognising and extending AB colour patterns Recognising and extending AB movement patterns Recognising and correcting ABC colour patterns Number Blocks 1-2 	 Number 3 - 6 – subitising, 1-1 counting, composition of number. Using 5 and 10 frames. Height and Length – Tall/Short, long/short. Explore Mass. Explore Capacity Number Blocks – 3 - 4 	 Sequencing Positional Language More than/fewer than Recognise, match and name 2D shapes Recognise, match and begin to name 3D shapes. More than/fewer than One more/one less Revisit numbers to 5 Number Blocks 5

Communication and Language

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Expressive Art and Design

- Printing Poppies
- Model Making Bonfire
- Christmas Cards
- Singing and performance Harvest (needs removing) and Nativity
- Painting Self portraits
- Drawing Self-portrait sketches
- Making Bread

- Drawing Flowers
- Making rockets using various media.
- CUSP Bug Hunt (Errol's Garden)
- Design and make pancakes.
- Craft Easter Garden and Easter Art
- Mather's Day Cards

- CUSP body percussion (Nursery Rhymes))
- CUSP making and playing percussion instruments (I am Nefertiti)
- CUSP Exploring floating and sinking to make a boat. (Tidy)
- Painting Crowle Show
 - Father's Day Cards

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Understanding the World Changing Seasons throughout the year — weather/changes in environment/clothing. Exploring melting ice. CUSP — role play occupations from the book. (All Through the Night) — Vocations Week. CUSP — Explore images of different families exploring similarities and differences. (My Family and Other Families) CUSP — Explore changes in your body after exercise. Label main body parts. (The Body Book) Significant person — Guy Fawkes	Observing plant growth (The Tiny Seed, Jasper's Beanstalk) Life cycle of humans. (Once There Were Giants) Life cycle of a chicken. (The Good Egg) Naming planets (Astro Girl) Significant Person – Tim Peak (Astro Girl) Changing Seasons throughout the year – weather/changes in environment/clothing. Exploring fruit and vegetables (Errol's Garden)	CUSP- Naming UK landmarks (Queen's Hat) Changing Seasons throughout the year — weather/changes in environment/clothing. Sorting animals to habitats. (We all went on Safari) Traditional music around the world (I am Nefertiti) Simple journeys and maps (The Suitcase) Sun safety King Charles official birthday
Physical Development Sitting on the carpet correctly to build core strength Begin to use cutlery independently Begin to make marks using various tools. Begin to form lines and circles with more control.	 Moving in various ways under and over objects. Begin to dress and undress independently. Begin to use one handed tools and equipment Begin to use cutlery independently Create closed shapes with continuous lines. Start to add more detail to drawings. 	 Using correct resources to carry out a task. Ride trikes and scooters safely and with control. Show a simple understanding of why we need to be active. Begin to dress and undress independently. Begin to use one handed tools and equipment with control. Use a static tripod grip Begin to use cutlery independently Form first 5 pre-writing shapes accurately.
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