



Saint Norbert's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Curriculum Newsletter

Advent Term 2025 – Reception

Subject	Curriculum	Overview
Literacy	Comprehension Word Reading Writing	We will be continuing to build our love of reading and learn adventurous new vocabulary throughout CUSP structured story time texts. For this term, our texts are: • What makes Me a Me • Standing up to Racism - Dr Pragya Agarwal • The Squirrels Who Squabbled - Rachel Bright • Celebrations from Around the World - Katy Halford We will also continue to explore other texts based on our topic and the children's own interests. The children will continue to develop their phonic skills and knowledge by using RWI. We will be focussing on oral segmenting and blending and Set 1 sounds. We will begin to use our knowledge of Set 1 sounds to segment and blend simple words to read. We will be developing our writing skills through the 'Drawing Club' approach using the following texts: • Funnybones • Little Red Hen • The Colour Monster • Guy Fawkes • CBeebies Poppy Fields • Rama and Sita In writing, we will be working on correct letter formation, pencil grip and name writing. We will also be focusing on using our phonic knowledge to write some of our Set 1 sounds, and will begin to write simple words and captions.
Maths	Number Numerical Patterns	We will be: • Matching, sorting and comparing • Talking about measurements and patterns • Focusing on a sound knowledge of numbers 1 - 5 • Using mathematical vocabulary to describe circles, triangles and 4 sided shapes. To further consolidate our knowledge and understanding of number, we will be developing: • Subitising within 3 • Counting skills • Composition of numbers 3 and 4 • Comparing sets and using language of comparison • Explore the concept of 'whole' and 'part'. • Object counting skills/ • Matching numerals to quantities within 10. • Verbal counting beyond 20.

	Building Relationships	We will be supporting children to see themselves as a valuable individual, and to be able to discuss their many strengths. We will be working with the children to build resilience and perseverance in the face of a challenge. We will support children with their relationships with peers, and develop an understanding of what makes a good friendship.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Listening, Attention and Understanding Speaking	Throughout the year, we will be working with children to develop their concentration span, listening and understanding skills. We will be working on understanding simple instructions and following them. Through our structured story time, nursery rhymes and song, we will continue to build the children's vocabulary and communication skills.