



Reception

St Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School

Welcome to the start of our first half term in Reception. Each half term we will produce a newsletter to let you know what we are learning.

This half term our topic is 'Me and my home' and we will be looking in great detail at babies and our home. If you could send a baby or recent photo of your child into school we would like to share them. Please label it.

Here are some of the things we will be doing.

Understanding of the World

- Understand what babies need and how they change.
- Look at a person's stage of development.
- Talk about things that we have done in the past and present.
- Learn about our senses.
- Get to know the school
- Talk about home and who lives there.

Creative Development

- ♦ Children will explore all areas in the classroom and become familiar.
- ♦ Make play dough in groups.
- ♦ Make papier mache faces and draw faces using a variety of media.

Communication, Language and Literacy

- ♦ To develop speaking and listening skills.
- ♦ Develop Knowledge of letter sounds.
- ♦ To share and read a variety of books.

Mathematical Development

- * We will introduce the children to lots of practical activities to develop mathematical skills. We will do lots of counting in ones forwards and backwards. We will look at 2D shapes and make patterns with these.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- * To understand the need for rules.
- * To work as a group, take turns and share.

R.E.

- ♦ Our R.E. topics this term are *Myself and Welcome*.

Physical

- ♦ Use a range of small apparatus
- ♦ To move around in own space and respond to instructions.
- ♦ Dance, use contrasting movements.

I.C.T

- * Introduction to the computer
- * Use appropriate ICT terminology
- * Develop mouse control.

Well done, a great start to the year with only a few tears. The children have settled really well too! The children are given stickers in class for various things. Collect them on your chart and your child will receive a prize.

At the moment P.E. will be on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit in school at all times and we will send it home at each half term to be checked and washed.

Please label all items of clothing and footwear.

If your child would like toast please bring 20p in each day. A piece of fruit is also provided daily.

In the next couple of weeks your child will receive a book to read at home. The book

bag that you have been given needs to be brought in everyday. We will be providing some parent workshops on reading, writing and mathematics in the next few weeks. I will inform you of these dates as soon as I can.

Please feel free to ask any questions!

Mrs Holden and Mrs Brennan