



# Reception

## St Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School

Well the start of our second half term is here, where do the weeks go?

This half term our topic is 'Time to Celebrate' and we will be looking at the way different cultures celebrate. We will also focus on safety in the dark. Here are some of the things that we will be learning.

### Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Look at how we can keep safe when it is dark.

Begin to learn about light, darkness and the changing seasons.

Learn about shadows and make a shadow puppet.

Learn about toys in the past and in the present.

### Creative Development

Make a picture of light and dark.

Make a collage of the seasons.

Experiment mixing colours.

Make a salt dough Christmas decoration.

Make our Christmas cards

Draw holly and winter scenes.

Role—Play in the Post Office any contributions would be appreciated.  
(envelopes, stamps, stampers, till, boxes, paper)

### Communication, Language and Literacy

Continue to develop communication skills, speaking with the microphone.

Concentrate on letter and sound recognition and writing 3 letter words.

Develop correct pencil grip and formation of letters.

Continue with guided reading.

To develop speaking and listening skills.

### Mathematical Development

We will be learning about the numbers to 20 through a range of practical activities.

We will be introducing and developing knowledge of addition, subtraction and 3d shapes.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Looking at fairness and choices

Developing social skills, sharing and working as part of group.

**R.E.** Our R.E. topics this term are:

Welcome/ Baptism- Class Baptism 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Birthday/Jesus' birthday at Christmas.

**Physical** - *We try to have PE outside as much as possible if you could provide your child with a fleece/jumper and warm jogging bottoms.*

Why exercise is important.

### I.C.T

Locate keys for their name on the keyboard.

Paint a dark picture using the paint program.

Continue to develop mouse control.

### News

Even though we will not be able to have an Infant Christmas Nativity Performance we are hoping to organise a class performance that we can video and share with you. We will also try to have a class Baptism that will be held in class. We usually have a little party afterwards and your child can come to school in their own clothes. A more detailed letter regarding this will be with you soon. Thank you so much for all being available on the parents evening phone calls, it was lovely to speak to you all.

Thank you Mrs Holden and Mrs Brennan