



PROPHECY AND PROMISE AUTUMN 2 EYFS:

This half term is all about celebrations - developing an understanding of celebrations throughout the world and celebrating each other's differences is a key aim for this learning experience. We begin by celebrating Mary's Yes, to Angel Gabriel. The children will learn that Mary was chosen by God.

The children will learn about the different celebrations that might happen during the year; Bonfire Night, Christmas, and Birthdays. How we celebrate them at home and how other people might celebrate them differently. Our learning journey will also be about celebrating ourselves. We will spend time talking about our similarities and differences and how this makes us unique.

We will celebrate Advent and prepare for the birth of Christ and learn that in Advent we help others and ourselves, showing our love for God. Throughout the half term the children will hear many Scriptures from the Bible - 'The Annunciation', 'The Nativity' and 'The Shepherds Visit'. They will learn that Mary was chosen by God and Jesus was born in a stable. They will use the tradition of the crib to tell the story of Jesus' birth. The children will work together to create a nativity performance and learn multiple songs, practising the lyrics and keeping in time with the music.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree. We would love to know how you celebrate Christmas? Please share your traditions with us on Tapestry.

Advent Afternoon

To celebrate the season of Advent we would like to invite you to our classroom to take part in some advent activities. We will invite you to come back after Mass on **Wednesday 4th December at 10:30.**

Tapestry

Every day at school we see your children learn and complete new challenges. However, we know that school is not the only place that your children do amazing things. We would love to hear from you about the things your child enjoys or achieves. It helps us to create a 'well-rounded' picture of who your child really is. These moments can tell us about anything of interest that you would like to share with us. It may be that they did something that they may have found previously difficult, or they made a fantastic Lego model, rode their bike for the first time, made a cake, scored a goal at football, put on a play for you, learnt some impressive historical facts, helped someone with a program on an iPad or enjoyed a day out spending time with family ...it could be anything! Remember all children have different strengths and different skills that make them proud...we would just love to be able to celebrate them too!

Please use Tapestry to record their home learning with photographs or notes.

School Uniform

As the weather is now colder, we will continue to still work outside, if the children choose to, so please make sure that your child brings a warm waterproof coat to school each day.

PE

Please can your child wear their PE kit to school on a Wednesday. Please ensure your child is wearing our school PE kit. White t-shirt, All Saint's PE hoodie or school jumper, black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

School/Snack Fund

Thank you to all those that have paid the school and snack fund contributions. This money allows us to purchase morning snacks and items such as baking ingredients, small world resources, books and other valuable resources. Please do contribute via parent pay so that we can continue to purchase these items.

Junk Modelling

The children really enjoy creating new and exciting things in our 'Creative Area'. We need more items to enhance this area. Please send in the following items.

- Packets — various sizes/ shapes
- Shoe boxes
- Large cardboard boxes
- Cardboard tubes
- Yogurt/dessert pots
- Used wrapping paper
- Tissue
- Bubble wrap
- Buttons (with careful supervision)
- Cotton reels
- Plastic bottles
- Sweet wrappers
- Foil
- Jar lids
- Fabric scraps
- Egg boxes
- Wool/string

Speaking and Listening

My Special Activity

In Reception we are constantly seeking to develop our speaking and listening skills and to promote these key skills we would like the children to talk about an activity they enjoy doing outside school. Also, we love celebrating ourselves in Reception. We enjoy spending time talking about our similarities and differences and how this makes us unique.

If the activity involves a piece of equipment, for example a pair of shoes or a football - Please send a photograph on Tapestry and we can share it on the big screen.

Please help your child choose their activity and to think carefully about the questions below, to enable them to talk confidently and answer questions independently.

Think about:

What is your chosen activity?

Where do you do your activity?

Does it need any special equipment?

How do you feel when you do this activity? Are you tired afterwards?

Why is this your favourite activity?

Please see the timetable below for when it is your child's turn, week commencing Monday 18th November.

Group	Date
Toby, Rowan, Hattie	Monday 18 th November
Chloe, Imogen, Ethan, Lauren	Tuesday 19 th November
William, Isla, Evie, Teddy	Wednesday 20 th November
Edie, Amelia, Harley	Thursday 21 st November
Alex, Thea, Emily, Felicity	Friday 22 nd December

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 11th December 1.30pm & Thursday 12th December 9:30pm- EYFS
Nativity

Friday 13th December 9.15am – Walk to the Post Office. This usually takes about an hour to walk to the Village to post our letters to Father Christmas. Please let us know if you would be free to accompany us on our walk.

We will send further information about our Christmas activities in the few next weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.