

September 2021





Mrs Burridge Nursery Leader



Mrs Middleton Nursery TA

Dear Nursery Families,

Welcome to nursery! We are so happy to welcome some of you back and also to welcome new children and families to our nursery family. We are the practitioners working with the nursery children and have loved getting to know each other and the children this week. Mrs. Middleton is enjoying her new class too. It has been a lovely start this term; everyone has settled back nicely in class, we are so happy to be together.

The EYFS at St Mary's

For those families who are new to us, here at St Mary's, the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is made up of a separate Nursery class and a Reception class. Our EYFS staff work together as a team to provide quality provision which enables each child to develop their talents, personalities and abilities in a safe and stimulating environment. Although we operate separately, Nursery and Reception join forces for school events throughout the year such as the nativity and end of year trip! We keep the EYFS section on the school website regularly up to date with any information you need to know about life in the EYFS at St Mary's.

What are we learning this half term?

Our topic this half term is 'Our Heroes' and as part of this topic, children will gain an understanding of 'Superheroes' fictional, like Spiderman and real-life superheroes such as the emergency services and talking about heroes and role models in our own lives. We are going to learn about the special jobs that people do which help and protect us in our community, for example, the police, firefighters, doctors and nurses. Our learning is tailored to each child and always takes into account their likes and interests. To see a breakdown of our learning for this half-term for all 7 areas of learning, please see our curriculum topic web.

PE

Our PE days are going to be Wednesdays. Please ensure your child wears trainers on this day.

Homework

A nursery lending library can be found in the cloakroom, you can choose one book with your child to take home and share together as many times as you like, all we ask is that you return the book before you choose another one. When everyone has settled we will send home song sheets/nursery rhymes with the weekly Makaton signs on the back. Please enjoy sharing, practicing and using these with your child. We will also be sending home a Busy Bag with activities inside to enjoy together.

Nursery Class page

On the school website we have a Nursery class page where you will find all information specific to Nursery. There is also an image gallery where we add photographs of our learning in and around the nursery- take a look, they are lovely.

Coats, hats and wellies

In Nursery we love to be outside, no matter what the weather. Please make sure your child brings their coat in every day, even if it looks dry, the weather can change. As the weather becomes colder, they will also need hats and gloves and wellies when it is wet. As with their uniform, please can all items brought into school be clearly labelled with their names to avoid any mix-ups.

And finally...

We are very excited about the year ahead and very much look forward to working closely with you as your child progresses through the Nursery at St Mary's. If you are unsure of anything at any time or wish to see us about anything concerning your child please do not hesitate to come and speak to us, we are always available at the end of each day. If you would like to arrange an appointment to see me, please contact me on my email at <u>kburridge@stmarys.romerocat.com</u> or the school office on <u>sbm@stmarys.romerocat.com</u>.

Many thanks,

Mrs Burridge and Mrs. Middleton