

# Curriculum Statement – Nursery



At St Mary's nursery we learn through play. We follow the interests of the children and adapt our environment to allow children to be introduced to new ideas and key skills and to ensure that our provision is well rounded. We use the Early Years guidance (EYFS) when planning our educational provision, and place a strong emphasis on developing the characteristics of effective learning as we believe that this underpins all future personal, social and academic success.

The seven areas of learning identified within the EYFS are

1. Communication and Language
2. Personal, social and emotional development
3. Physical development
4. Literacy
5. Mathematics
6. Understanding the World
7. Expressive Arts and Design

We use the seasons, the weather and focus stories to teach the children. We ensure that every child makes progress using the EYFS guidance to track their start points and match the curriculum to ensure they have the very best outcomes. We focus on child led learning with the adults using teachable moments, skilled questioning and interactions to enhance the children's own understanding. Our focus stories reflect the seasons and the times of year. Young children have a natural desire to learn, explore and be curious about the world. Their play often mimics their real life experiences and through their play is the opportunity to practice new skills and develop their interests. The environment will therefore be carefully planned out and designed to ensure the core provision meets the needs of all children with teachable moments happening alongside the enhanced provision 'in the moment'

