



# Welcome to Butterfly Class

EYFS

Autumn

Welcome to EYFS at St. Mary's! My team and I have worked hard to create exciting spaces and have developed a curriculum and approach which is based on play, discovery and independence. Children will have short, focused inputs followed by longer periods of 'Continuous Provision' this is where the children will be able to access the entire setting and will be encouraged to use their initiative, solve problems and use the knowledge gained in their teaching sessions to help do this! We believe that in order to flourish, children need to be in a nurturing, language-rich environment. We will work hard to ensure every child meets their potential and we will work closely with you at home to do this.

Reading stories to your child is an essential part of development for children, the language, the patterns and plots all combine to make children more able to read, speak and write. We will be sending home reading books for you to enjoy with your child. This will include reading book for them to read, and other books for you to read to them.

Please do not hesitate to ask questions to any of the team, no question is too big, small, or 'silly'. Either speak to a member of staff, or send a message on Tapestry.

**In EYFS we focus on seven Areas of Learning.** These are, Communication and Language, Mathematics, Literacy, Physical Development, Personal Social and Emotional Development, Knowledge and Understanding of the World and Expressive Arts and Design. Our themes for this term are:

**'What's Marvelous about me?'**,  
and

**'What can we learn from Stories?'**.

We'll be looking at ourselves, the people we live with and know. We'll look at the sort of jobs that people do as well. In 'What can we learn from stories?', we'll be looking at popular fairy-tales, exploring rhyme and patterns in language as well as making predictions.

In maths, we follow the highly acclaimed **White Rose Maths Mastery** approach. We focus on really understanding number and number patterns through using a range of resources. Children have two opportunities to explore maths in guided sessions each day in addition to the maths in the provision.

## Weekly Reminders:

Thursdays 2:30PM- Parents' meetings will take place in the hall. We will talk about ways to help your children in all aspects of learning, particularly in phonics.

Thursdays PE day (come in PE Kit).

## Key Dates:

18.09.23 All children in over lunchtime

23.09.23 All children in full time.

26.09.23 Individual photos

WB: 9.10.23 Parents' evening

20.12.23 Christmas Church Service

## Homework:

Please Read daily with your child.

