

Hello everyone and welcome to Nursery 2019-2020! We are so excited to start the year and get to know all of our new children and families! My name is Miss Potter I am the class teacher and we have two LSA's in class Miss McMahon and Miss Hughes. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead and watching your child progress holistically and academically.

Our first topic this term is going to be 'All About Me'. During this topic will be discussing:

- Ourselves
- Family
- Face and bodies
- Emotions
- Our Culture
- Making new friends

In Nursery we focus on promoting the 3 Prime Areas of Learning which are Personal, social and emotional development (making friends, selfcare and ability to follow instructions and routines), Communication and language (speaking, listening and attention) and Physical development (movement, pencil grip and toileting/dressing) so it would be wonderful if you could support your child at home in these areas also. For more advice on how to support your child in early years please check out this weblink:

https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/04/4Children_ParentsGuide_2015_FINAL_WEBv2.pdf

In Nursery we believe communication is key to promote all other learning and development. The activities we do are to promote your child's speech and language skills. Homework will be sent out every Friday and please can you return this by the following Wednesday. We have lots of 'talking homework's' and it will be based on skills we are learning in class and on our topic.

Reading is essential to promote your child's communication skills and develop their vocabulary. Sharing stories with your child is vital especially within early years. We send home a reading book each week and will discuss your child's opinion on the book in our key worker groups. We invite all parents/carers into our classroom of a Wednesday morning to read with their child. This was very successful last year and the children get so much out of it. So we hope you will join us in

promoting your child reading for pleasure. Every half term we will hold a Stay and Play session where you will be able to interact with your child engaging in a range of activities within our provision.

To follow your child's learning please visit our twitter page

@Nurserystm1 and our page on the school website

<https://www.stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk/>

Nursery times:

AM session: Nursery 8:45-11:45

PM session: Nursery 12:15-3:15

It is very important that children are picked up on time, if you do feel like you are running late, please ring the school office and let them know. If someone different is picking up your child on a certain day, please let Nursery Staff know too. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please never hesitate to talk to us and we will help you as best we can. We are looking forward to the upcoming year.

Kind Regards,

Miss Potter