

# Holy Cross Catholic School



## Early Years Foundation Stage – Curriculum Information for Parents

At Holy Cross School, the Nursery and Reception classes follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework to plan and deliver an exciting curriculum based on the Seven Areas of Learning:

Areas of Learning and Development			
Prime Areas			
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development	Communication and Language	
Making Relationships Self Confidence and Self Awareness Managing Feelings and Behaviour	Moving and Handling Health and Self-Care	Listening and Attention Understanding Speaking	
Specific Areas			
Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts And Design
Reading Writing	Numbers Shape, Space and Measure	People and Communities The World Technology	Exploring and Understanding Media and Materials Being Imaginative

We endeavour to include the children at every stage of the planning process. We believe that the most meaningful learning takes place when children are motivated by their own interests. We therefore create mini topics initiated by children’s ideas and passions.

The children have access to the highest quality learning. This is achieved through direct teaching time with the whole class, small group work and targeted intervention groups, together with opportunities for sustained play-based learning through Continuous Provision (choosing time). During this time, staff play alongside the children, extending their learning through our planned objectives as well as encouraging children to challenge their own thinking and ideas in order to be excited and inquisitive learners. All staff are skilled in observing, assessing and extending children’s progress, and in using the information gathered to plan next steps for learning.

Children’s learning and achievement is noted and recorded in a range of ways, and observations are used to plan the next steps of learning for each child’s journey through the year. Every child has a space on the classroom wall where their work is displayed and celebrated, every few weeks this is taken down and put into their Learning Journey. Parents will be invited in once every half-term to look through this book with their child.

**We live, grow, learn and pray together in faith.**