

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to St. Saviour's School and to the Nursery Class in particular. As a team, we are all very excited about the year ahead and can't wait to get to know you and your child. Nursery is the very important beginning of your child's learning journey and we are hoping to work in partnership with you all to help your child develop and flourish here at school.

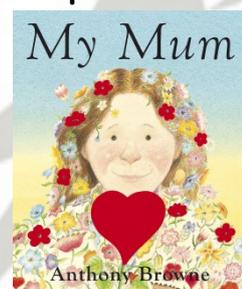


### Our Learning



For the very first half term in Nursery our main topic will be 'Why do you love me so much?' We will be exploring many things to do with family, home, local community and friends. This will include thinking about what makes us unique, our interests, our families, our likes and dislikes. This topic will engage our new starters and help them draw connections between things in their life outside of school.

We will also be focussing on Anthony Browne's *My Mum* and using this story to talk about our own home lives and how a story is structured using the key storytelling language of 'Once upon a time,' 'First,' 'Next,' 'Then,' and 'The End.'



Throughout the term, we will also be exploring early phonics and encouraging children to listen to the sounds they hear around them and identify these sounds.

There will be many opportunities for the children to engage in Communication and Language linked to the topic through activities and continuous provision. We will be encouraging them to build up their

vocabulary around the home and family and discuss home routine and what makes them different/unique. We will ensure that there are many opportunities for your child to express themselves as well as develop their understanding when listening to one another.

At the beginning of your child's school life, as well as throughout their early years' experience, it is important that we focus on their Personal, Social and Emotional Development. This will include developing their independence in the class environment and helping them settle in and become comfortable with the staff team and each other. In the nursery setting we will also actively promote their understanding of the rules and boundaries. This will be to improve their health and self-care, as it is important that your child is happy in our setting, and that they are able to express their needs and learn well!

The third main area we focus on is Physical Development. We aim to constantly develop your child's ability to play engaging their gross motor skills (big muscles and movements) whilst beginning preparation for mark making and writing with their fine-motor engagement (small muscles and movement). We will build homes and dens, play sports games and help your child explore a variety of construction and building materials.

#### Important Reminders

- Early reading and storytelling is crucial in a child's development in language, communication and thinking, please continue to read stories to your child as often as possible.
- Please do not hesitate to approach any member of the team with questions or information you may wish to share, until your child's key worker is identified.
- Please could you ensure that all of your child's clothes and belongings are named so that they don't lose anything. Thank you!

Yours sincerely,

Ms McGonigle, Mr Dunford, Mrs White, Ms Bobbi and Mrs Nunn