



What learning looks like in EYFS

St Augustine's Catholic
Primary School



Communication & Language

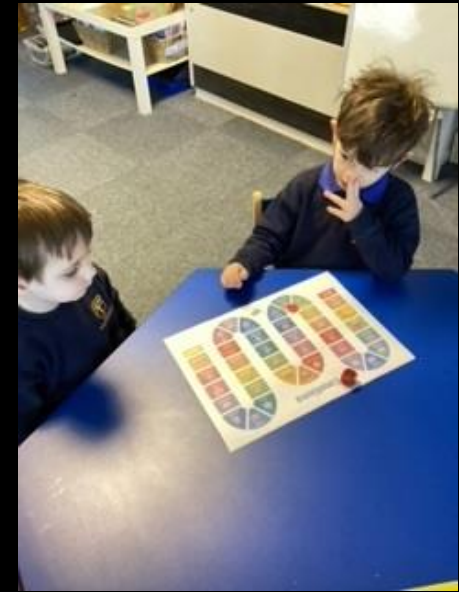
We believe that children learn to the best of their ability when they are having fun. We sing songs and rhymes and offer fun ways to explore sounds and patterns of words. We enjoy learning and sharing poems with actions and repetition. Our children read lots of stories and share books with each other and across the school. We encourage parents and carers to come into school and offer open library sessions. We have lots of opportunities such as 'show and tell', 5 minutes of fame and exciting role play opportunities inside and outside of the classroom.



Personal social & emotional development

Personal social & emotional development (PSED) supports children to learn to get on with others and make friends, understand and talk about feelings, learn about 'right' and 'wrong', develop independence and ultimately feel good about themselves.

We understand that PSED has a huge impact on wellbeing, learning and achievement and so we work hard to provide opportunities for success and confidence to grow.



Physical development

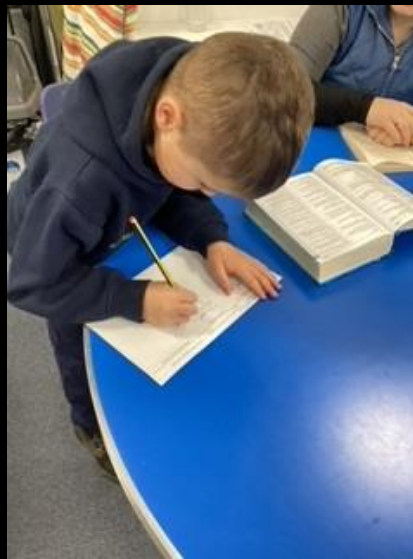
We provide opportunities for children to develop object control skills including throwing, catching & rolling a ball and also encourage accuracy with hitting, throwing and catching. We play lots of games so that children learn to balance their weight on different parts of their body, developing their own awareness and stability. We have ample indoor and outdoor space and provide opportunities to develop health and self care routines. The children learn healthy food choices, good hygiene routines and the importance of good oral hygiene – we even use the local area such as the orchard to pick our snack, wash and eat it!



Literacy

Literacy in the early years includes talking about books, print in the environment, mark making and writing as well as sharing books and reading.

We teach Read Write Inc Phonics daily, share stories, enjoy reading buddies with the older year groups, have weekly visits to the school library, visit the Stamford Town Library and provide endless opportunities to enjoy writing. Children write labels for models, shopping lists in the home corner, make cards for their friends, write their name and enjoy sharing the enjoyment of creative imagination in drawing club.

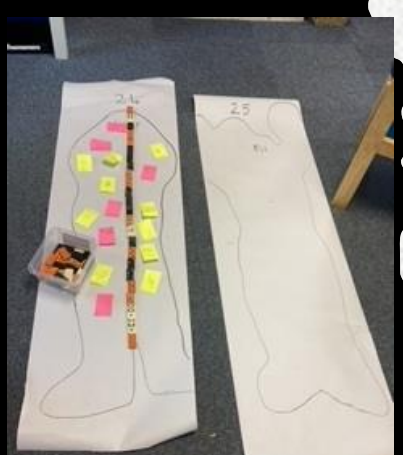


Mathematics

Children learn about maths through play and their daily experiences. We believe that the more meaningful to them and hands on it is, the better. We make sure our setting's environment (both indoors and out) is full of mathematical opportunities and has exciting things for children to explore, sort, compare, count, calculate and describe. We support them to be creative, critical thinkers, problem solvers and to have a go.

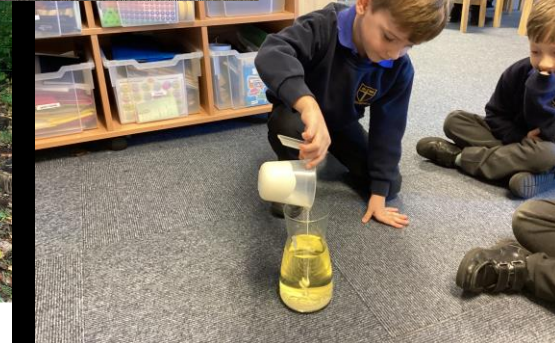
Stories, songs, rhymes and games that have a mathematical content help our children to understand number systems while having fun. We give them time to talk, play and practise using numbers.

Our children learn about space, shape and size through handling and exploring objects. We know that children are more likely to understand mathematical concepts like position and size if they're able to use their body movements and senses to feel what it's like to be in, on or under something for example in PE or outside.



Understanding the World

From the very first day at St Augustine's the children learn about the past and present. Our children develop an interest in their own story as well as the stories in their family – this helps them to learn about how other people are different from them yet share similarities and ideas. Children have the opportunity to observe, explore and notice everything around them and this is enhanced by visiting different places and elements of the environment. Children learn about their local and immediate environment and also range of professions that are of interest and local to them.



Expressive arts & design

Getting creative can be a lot of fun! Children create with materials, get messy experimenting with colour, design, texture, materials, tools and techniques. They share their creations and enjoy explaining to their friends the processes that they have used.

Our pupils enjoy dressing up and exploring the wide range of experiences to draw upon, making use of props and materials and being imaginative and expressive within their play.

We sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs. Children choose poems and stories and enjoy being read to as well as reading to others.

