

A warm welcome to Nursery and Poppy Classes which make up our Foundation Stage at Christ the Sower School. The children are settling really well into their new learning environment and are becoming familiar with the daily routines. You will have already met the team, led by class teacher Ms Szentpeteri, supported by Mrs Parry and Miss Smith. The Nursery is led by Mrs Lee and supported by Mrs Robinson. The Foundation Stage continues to be led by our Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Mushtaq.

This half – term our topic is called, 'All About Me'. We will be learning about our bodies and our feelings as well as discussing our families and how special they are. We are all looking forward to an exciting first half term and I'm sure this will be the start of a fantastic year together. Please feel free to come and talk to us about any queries you may have, big or small.

We hope that your child is settling into Poppy Class and Daisy class happily and please do let us know if there is anything more we can do to support your child. Over the next few weeks we shall be concentrating on ensuring that each child gets to know their new surroundings and routines. There are a lot of new things to learn about: phonics, reading books, Red words and Home Learning Books to mention just a few. Please do not hesitate to ask about any aspect of your child's work and experiences at school.

### Communication, Language and Literacy

- Know which letters can represent different sounds.
- Explore a range of stories about friendships.
- Learn new vocabulary and use it confidently.

### Understanding of the World

- Learn about different parts of the body and how our body works.
- Learn about similarities and differences.
- Show care and concern for living things and the environment
- Investigate why things happen and how things work.

### Physical Development

- Learn to travel in different ways.
- Develop fine-motor control by using a range of tools effectively such as scissors.
- Holding a pencil correctly.
- Dress themselves for P.E. independently.



### The Outdoor Classroom

We refer to the Foundation garden area as 'The Outdoor Classroom' and staff work really hard to set up activities for the children. Later in the term, **please do not allow the children to play in this area before and after school. Thank you for your understanding.**

Topic:  
**All About Me!**

### Important Dates

**6th and 8th October—**  
Teacher—Parent Meetings (more)

### Special Days

**PE Day—** Thursdays

**Library Day —** Wednesdays with  
Mrs Nicholls

### Mathematics

- Counting out groups of objects accurately, one at a time.
- Recognising and ordering numbers to 10 and then 20.
- Use language such as 'one more' and 'one less'.
- Solve practical problems.
- Identifying and describing a range of 2D shapes.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Be confident to try new activities.
- Work with partners, and in small groups.
- Talk about a range of feelings, likes and dislikes.
- Have a positive self-image.
- Know how to be healthy.

### Expressive Arts

- Select tools and techniques to make creations.
- Explore colour mixing and making different shades.
- Build a repertoire of songs and dances.
- Use a selection of instruments to make different sounds.

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