WELCOME

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

Christ is the centre of our school community where we live, love and learn together



Lumen Christi

CATHOLIC MULTI ACADEMY

Lumen Christi Schools

St Brigid's

St Columba's

St James

St Joseph's

St Paul's

St Thomas More

St Thomas Aquinas

Lumen Christi Mission Statement

Working together with mutual trust, respect and love to provide the highest quality of Catholic education to our communities.



Lumen Christi Catholic Education in Birmingham Diocese

The Catholic Church is the second largest provider of education in the country.

There are 2230 Catholic schools in England educating almost 1 million children

There are 4 Catholic Universities with over 17,000 students.

Catholic Schools outperform State Schools.

Early Years Foundation Stage



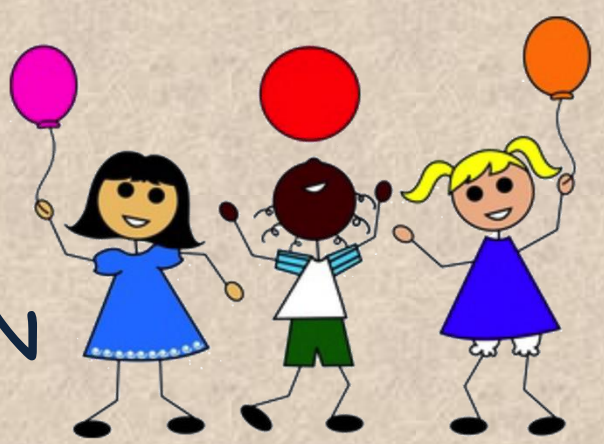
AREAS OF LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

PRIME AREAS

- PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT
- COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

SPECIFIC AREAS

- LITERACY
- MATHEMATICS
- UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD
- EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN



Religious Education



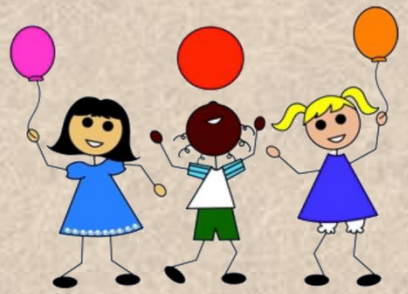












Personal, Social and Emotional Development





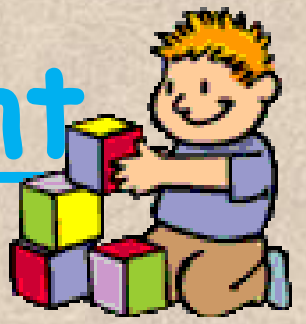








Physical Development

















Communication and Language

















Literacy

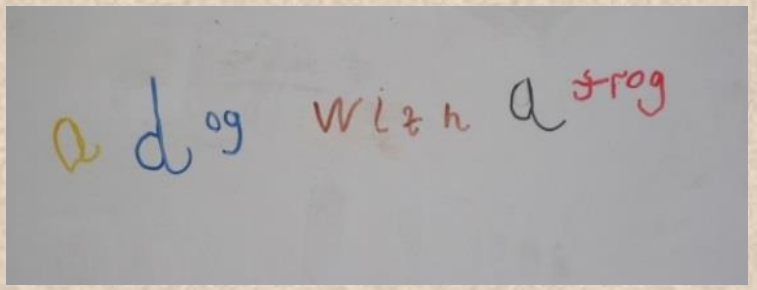




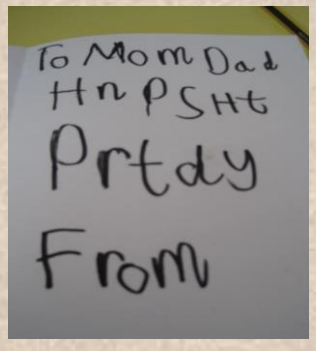

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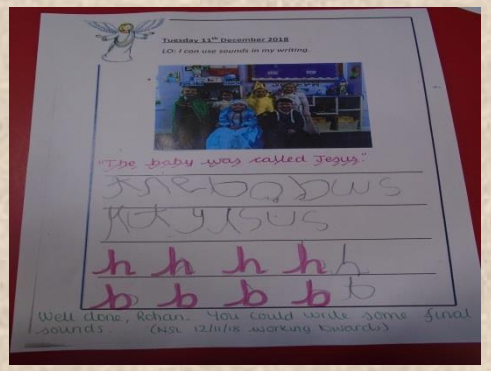


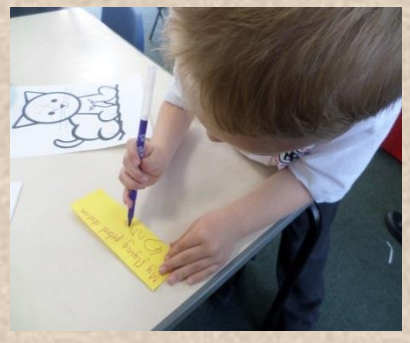



a dog with a frog




To Mom Dad
Hn PSHt
Prtdy
From


Tuesday 11th December 2018
LO: I can use sounds in my writing.
"The baby was called Jesus."
Well done, Rohan. You could write some final sounds. (NSt 12/11/18 working towards)

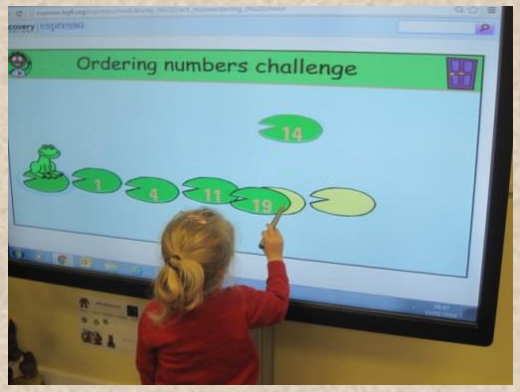




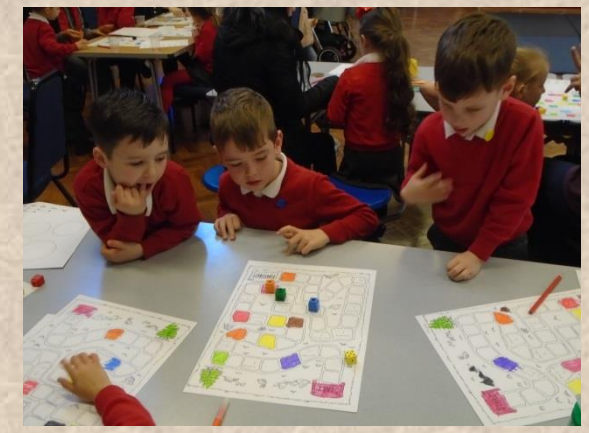
Mathematics

















Understanding the World

























Expressive Arts and Design

















Making Progress

- Early Years Outcomes

- Learning Journals
- RE Book
- Literacy Book
- Mathematics Book

- Half-Termly Assessments
- Characteristics of Effective Learning

- Learning Journal Celebrations
- Parent Consultations
- Termly Celebration Meetings
- End of Year Report

What can you do to help?

- Encourage your child to speak in full sentences
- Help them to recognise their own name
- To share books regularly
- To practise putting their own coat on and taking it off
- To become familiar when getting changed in and out of their school uniform (including shoes)
- To have an awareness of numbers in the environment
- Practise saying the number names in order
- To have a go at writing their own name

The first few weeks

We will find out what the children
already know and can do
(a baseline assessment)
and use this information to help us develop an
individual learning programme
for each child.

We would value any contributions you would like to make in helping us get to know your child's needs.



You will be invited to discuss
your child's progress & adjustment
to school within the first term at parents evening.

Attendance & Punctuality

GREEN **97.5 – 100%** attendance Excellent! Fantastic attendance
YELLOW **95 – 97.4%** attendance Super Effort! You are trying hard to be in school
RED **Less than 95% Danger Zone!** You are missing a lot of learning time
Less than 90% Persistent Absence requiring formal intervention

Pupils who are away from school for whatever reasons, for 10% of their timetable, are regarded as Persistent Absences and the school have to involve other agencies. Being late adds up to lost learning too! If you are 5 minutes late everyday you will miss 3 school days in one year. If you are 15 minutes late everyday you will miss 10 school days in one year. If you are 30 minutes late everyday you will miss 19 school days in one year – the equivalent of nearly 100 hours of learning.

Behaviour

- Saint Thomas More has a positive behaviour policy (available on our website) with a shared, whole-school, uniformed approach
- Yellow forms record reflections on behaviour | Red forms record serious incidents where our three school rules are broken
- God's Gifts assemblies give opportunities to celebrate children's successes
- House points are awarded for demonstrations of resilience and respect

SEND

The term 'Special Educational Needs' is used to describe learning difficulties or disabilities that make it harder for children to learn than most children of the same age. Children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) are likely to need extra or different help from that given to other children their age.

4 broad areas of need:

- communication and interaction
- cognition and learning
- social, emotional and mental health difficulties
- sensory and/or physical needs.

If you have a concern about your child, or if your child is already being supported by agencies, e.g, Health, Speech and Language service, please make staff aware or contact our school SENDCo, Mrs A Nicholls at **a.nicholls@sttommor.bham.sch.uk**

Anti-Bullying

- Saint Thomas More has an Anti-Bullying policy (located on our website)
- Our school takes a 'zero tolerance' approach to bullying
- Staff utilise 'restorative justice' to repair damaged relationships between pupils, taking the opinions and feelings of all parties into consideration when seeking a resolution

Safeguarding

- Saint Thomas More has a number of staff trained as Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Madia, Mr Breslin, Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Clarke-Pitcher and Mrs Nicholls
- Staff are well trained to identify possible safeguarding issues with pupils and are knowledgeable in the steps to take, and the relevant staff to speak to, in the reporting of safeguarding concerns
- Lumen Christi works with the organisation Pathfinder to facilitate our Early Help offer, with family support workers engaging with families

Medicine

If your child requires medicine during the school day, please take it to the office, where you will be asked to complete a form to give parental consent for a member of staff to administer it.

We are only able to administer prescribed medication in school.

School Uniform



Physical Development Uniform



School Meals







Information about school meals can be found in your Information Pack.

Breakfast Club

After School Club

Please contact Mrs Gardner in the school office to register your interest.

Parent Pay

In September you will be contacted to set up an account with Parent Pay.
This system is used to pay for events, trips etc.

For more information please contact the school office.

Things We Need To Know

- An up to date contact telephone number and address
- Who is collecting your child?
- Any special diet your child follows for medical reasons particularly if it is not your child may have (e.g. food, drink, plasters, soap etc)
- Any medical conditions (e.g. asthma, eczema, speech or hearing difficulties)
- If you change address or telephone number
- If your home circumstances change, so that we can be sensitive to your child's needs

Things We Need To Know



Healthy Start Vouchers.

- Children from birth to 4 years.
- Vouchers worth £3.10p for each child weekly.
- Vouchers can be used to buy formula milk, milk, fruit and vegetables.
- Check eligibility
- https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/
- Retailers that take vouchers
- Form in pack- needs to be completed and be counter signed by a health professional
- Address to send it back to is on website



Start Dates

1. **Monday 6th September 2021**

2. **Thursday 9th September 2021**

You will be notified when your child will be starting school in your information Pack.