Foundation Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn Term 2026

Welcome to Foundation stage at Christ the Sower School. It has been a wonderful week getting to know your children and seeing lots of happy faces at the gates. The children have come into school looking very smart and ready for their learning. The children in Poppy class are settling well into their new learning environment and are becoming familiar with the daily routines.

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This term, our topics are ***'All about me!'*** *and* ***'Celebrations'*** where we will learn lots about the children and their families as well as, focusing on the seasonal changes in our environment as we approach Autumn. To do this effectively, we hope to get out in the community for local walks for them to compare what they see over the next year. Additionally, the children will be creating self and family portraits and linking their learning to themselves. We are all looking forward to an exciting first term and I am sure this is the start of a fantastic year for the children.

To provide a strong start we have begun Phonics lessons following our scheme 'Read Write Inc.' (RWI) and will send home QR codes to practise. Please support us by watching the videos with your child daily as this will help them immensely on their journey through the phonics programme. In addition to this, it is always great for children to listen to stories so please do read bedtime stories to your children regularly.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything please feel free to approach one of the adults on the gate and they will be happy to help.

Mrs Martignetti Class Teacher) and Mrs Shamuyarira (TA)

Poppy

REMINDER: Look weekly at our school social media page to see what we have been learning!

SCAN ME



Communication, Language and Literacy:

- Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important.
- Learn new vocabulary.
- Engage in story times by listening carefully, retaining what has been heard and recalling key points.
- Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound.
- Engage in non-fiction books.
- Contribute relevant comments in discussions.

Mathematics:

- Getting to know you
- Match, sort and compare
- It's me 1,2,3
- Circles and triangles
- 1,2,3,4,5
- Shapes with 4 sides

Poppy Class Value is:



Friendship

Understanding of the World:

- Draw information from a simple map.
- Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.
- Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.

Expressive Arts and Design:

- Explore different materials freely, in order to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make.
- Join varied materials and explore different textures.
- Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

- See themselves as a valuable individual.
- Build constructive and respectful relationships.
- Express their feelings and consider the feelings of others, regulate their behaviour accordingly.

Things to bring to school

A water bottle
Bag to bring home books and pictures
Complete change of clothes
Welly boots and coat
Please check your child's bookbag daily for letters, home learning and read emails for any events in school.
Please ensure that all of your child's uniform and lunchboxes are labelled.

Phonics:

- Start Read, Write, Inc
- Read all set 1 single letter sounds
- Blend sounds into words orally
- Learn 25 sounds

Physical Development

- Further develop the skills they need to manage the school day successfully: lining up and queuing, mealtimes, personal hygiene.
- Develop fine motor skills- holding pencil correctly and using scissors.

P.E Day: Wednesday, please come to school in the school PE kit and have any earrings taped over or removed.

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