



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Reception Learning Challenge

AUTUMN		SPRING		SUMMER	
Wow beginning: Going on a name hunt around school-learning the teachers names?	Wow beginning: Leo the Lion's / Lenny the Bear's Birthday party.	Wow beginning: Grandparents afternoon	Wow beginning: Class chicks delivered	Wow beginning: Giant footprint/ fairy dust/ teardrop Teddy bear in classroom	Wow beginning: Visit to the farm
Wow Ending: Marvellous Me!: Adults & Children to bring in a shoe box containing all the things which make them marvellous to share with class.	Wow Ending Class trip to the cinema celebrating our first term in School.	Wow Ending: Life education caravan visit.	Wow Ending: Visit from a Palaeontologist.	Wow Ending: Making frogscottle like the BFG.	Wow Ending: Sunflower competition Occupation Visitors
Learning Challenge Question What do I know about me?	Learning Challenge Question Do we all celebrate the same things ?	Learning Challenge Question How did Grandma get to school?	Learning Challenge Question Why do we have eggs at Easter?	Learning Challenge Question Are all giants mean?	Learning Challenge Question How do things grow?
<u>Subsidiary Challenges</u> What is it like to be in reception? How am I the same? How am I different? What makes a family? What I like best is? What can I do with my body? How can I look after myself?	<u>Subsidiary Challenges</u> What happens in the different seasons? When is my birthday? What is Diwali? Why do we wear a poppy? How is Hanukah celebrated? Why do we celebrate Christmas? How is Christmas celebrated around the world?	<u>Subsidiary Challenges</u> How has transport changed over time? Do all types of transport have 4 wheels? Where do different types of transport travel? How do astronauts get into space? How do aeroplanes fly? What is my favourite way to travel?	<u>Subsidiary Challenges</u> What is the lifecycle of a chick? How do caterpillars change into butterflies? Which other animals start as an egg? What happened to the dinosaurs? Why is Easter a special time of year?	<u>Subsidiary Challenges</u> How could we find the missing teddies? How could we cheer the giant up? How tall was Jacks Beanstalk? Do all giants live in a castle? What made the giant smart? Who is the tallest/shortest person in the school?	<u>Subsidiary Challenges</u> What are baby animals called? Which baby animals belong to adult animals? Do all animals live on a farm? What do plants need to grow? How have I changed? What do I want to be when I grow up?
<u>Small Group Work</u> Circle time – Discuss the similarities and what makes us special. – Linked to Come & See, God know and loves each one of us. Outline of a house – Children to draw who is in their family, attempt to label. Extend to the school family and the church family. Provide a range of materials for children to illustrate 'what I like best'. Explore gross and fine motor activities. Funky fingers, different ways of moving. Celebrating unique abilities. Explore all the 5 senses. Children to create a name collage and self portrait. How do I feel (emotional health) – done through puppets. – Extension illustration of what makes me happy.	<u>Small Group Work</u> Autumn craft projects Making birthday cards, talking about how old we will be on our next birthday, finding out when our birthdays are. Rangoli sand art creations. Poppy wreath activities. Ordering the events from the Christmas story- talking about Jesus as a special gift from God. Writing Christmas lists for Father Christmas. Visit the post box Talking about how countries differ from one another, but are all part of God's world.	<u>Small Group Work</u> Sorting old and new forms of transport. Investigating Children to make a boat that is wind powered. Using the internet to find out about different transport. Programmable toys – BeeBots. How do things move? What are best shaped wheels? Forces – looking at magnets. Modes of transport in different parts of the world. Traffic survey. Writing instructions. Making transport biscuits.	<u>Small Group Work</u> Chick diaries Poetry, Non-fiction. Instructions & Adjectives Dinosaur poems, non-fiction dinosaur books,. Mothering Sunday poems and descriptions. Go on a walk - looking for the signs of spring- Create a weather report of seasonal changes. Where did dinosaurs live? Easter story- Link to Come and See.	<u>Small Group Work</u> Children to make missing posters/wanted signs for the giant. Children to investigate standard and non-standard unit of measure. Children to measure their own footprint/hand print. Children to build a den/suitable homes for different sized fairy-tale characters Children to write about/retell their favourite fairy tales and make up their own stories.	<u>Small Group Work</u> Sorting animals based on different criteria. Using the internet to find out information about animals Using small world to talk about different animal habitats. Bean plant observations Depriving plants of different things they need-making observations. Children to make a timeline of their life so far. Children to dress up in different role play costumes associated with different professions, talk about jobs.