



Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

Work at it with all your heart

Head Teacher: Mrs Laura Weaver, BA Hons QTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all well and have had a lovely summer break!

A very warm welcome to Donaldson Class! We are delighted to be your child's teachers this year and we are really looking forward to getting to know all the children and watching them grow, learn and flourish throughout the year.

We have an exciting year ahead, with a varied and engaging curriculum designed to spark curiosity and encourage a real love of learning. We will be exploring lots of different subjects, including science, mathematics, English and foundation subjects, alongside plenty of opportunities to investigate, create and have fun together.

Routines

Mrs Llewellyn will be in Donaldson Class from **Monday to Wednesday and every other Thursday morning**, while Mrs McLaughlin will teach on **Thursdays and Fridays**. We are also privileged to have Miss Webber and Mrs Perkins supporting the class throughout the week.

Our **swimming sessions** will take place on **Tuesday** afternoons during the first half of each term (Autumn 1, Spring 1 and Summer 1).

Our **PE sessions** will be on **Monday** afternoons. Children can come to school wearing their PE kits on Mondays.

Explorers will take place on **Friday** afternoons. Please send your child into school with their Explorers kit on this day. This should include sensible, waterproof footwear, such as wellies. Please make sure that all clothing and footwear is clearly named.

Show and Tell

We will be introducing **Show and Tell**, giving the children the opportunity to bring something special from home to share with the class.

We would encourage you to choose something with your child that has a particular meaning to them. This could be something they have found on a walk, a favourite book, a photograph from a special event or something else they are proud of.

To help discourage children from bringing in toys, we will be introducing **specific themes for Show and Tell** this year. The themes for this term can be found below:

Show and Tell Timetable

Each week we will have a different Show and Tell theme. Children can bring something small from home, a photograph, a drawing, or simply talk about their experience.

Week 1	 Nature Detectives	A leaf, shell, stone, flower, feather or photograph of something interesting you found outside.
Week 2	 A Book I Love	Bring in a favourite book and tell us what you enjoy about it.
Week 3	 Something I Can Do	Tell us about a skill you have learned, such as baking, swimming, riding a bike or helping at home.
Week 4	 A Place I Have Visited	Share a photograph, postcard, map or drawing of somewhere you have been.
Week 5	 My Creativity	Bring in a drawing, painting, model, craft or piece of writing that you have created.
Week 6	 Amazing Animals	Share a photograph, book, drawing or interesting fact about an animal you find fascinating.
Week 7	 Something I Have Learned	Tell us about something new you have learned recently. It could be about science, nature, history, sport, cooking or anything else!

Remember...

You don't need to buy anything for Show and Tell. We want to hear about your ideas, experiences and learning!

When it is your turn, try to:

-  Listen carefully to others.
-  Speak clearly and confidently.
-  Explain your ideas.
-  Answer questions from your classmates.
-  Be respectful when others are sharing.

Reading

Reading regularly at home makes such a difference to children's progress, so we really appreciate your support with this.



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The children will be heard reading individually at least once every two weeks. Reading regularly at home will help your child to develop their fluency, decoding and comprehension skills.

*When your child has read at home, we would be grateful if you could make a brief note in their **Home School Link Book**. It is also useful to know about any other books or texts your child enjoys reading, so please feel free to record these too. We love hearing about what the children are enjoying!*

*Every **Monday**, the children will have the opportunity to visit our school library and choose a book that interests them. We would love for them to share these books with you at home.*

The children are encouraged to put their reading bags in the class box each day. They will be given opportunities to change their books once they are familiar with the text. Please don't worry if your child reads the same book more than once. Rereading is a really important part of developing fluency, confidence and understanding.

Homework

TT Rock Stars and NumBots will be launched again shortly. These online programmes are a great way to support children with their times tables and number facts.

There are also lots of simple ways to practise maths at home. Counting in different amounts, spotting numbers, talking about money and looking for maths in everyday situations can all help to build confidence and develop a love of mathematics.

Keeping in Touch

*Please remember to check **My Child at School (MCAS)** regularly, as this is where you will find letters, newsletters and information about upcoming school events.*

*Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are really looking forward to a happy, exciting and successful year in Donaldson Class, filled with **learning, exploration, laughter and lots of fun!***

If you have any questions or concerns at any point during the year, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warmest wishes,

The Donaldson Team

Mrs Llewellyn, Mrs McLaughlin, Miss Webber and Mrs Perkins