

St Mary & St Andrew's Catholic Primary School Reception Checkpoints



Are	a of	Baseline	End of Autumn Term	End of Spring Term	ELG/Summer Term
Lear	rning				
Language	Listening, Attention and Understanding	Listens and responds to stories, rhymes and songs and responds by joining in and can recall the main events. Follows a series of simple instructions. Contributes sensible comments to discussions and conversations. Responds to questions	Demonstrates good listening behaviours. Engages in story time and listens carefully with interest, retaining what they have heard, recalling key points and saying what they think. Reliably responds to a series of instructions and questions. Contributes relevant comments in discussions.	Can switch attention from one task to another. Follows more complex instructions. Responds to what they hear/ discussion with sensible comments, relevant actions and questions. Confidently engages in conversation with familiar people at school. Is able to listen in whole school Collective Worship and recall some of the themes and comments at a later stage.	Listening, Attention and Understanding ELG Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions; Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding; Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers.
Communication & L	Speaking	Engages in conversation with adults and peers. Uses plurals and some tenses correctly. Can ask questions.	Communicates confidently with peers and adults. Uses talks to communicate needs, news, feelings and ideas. Uses and shows interest in new vocabulary.	Enjoys being part of conversations and discussions and uses new vocabulary in context. Uses talk in different ways, in imaginative play, to develop thinking, to collaborate and plan with others and to express ideas.	Speaking ELG Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary; Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate; Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present, and future tenses and making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher.

elopment	Self - Regulation	Can focus attention in a group situation for a short period of time and can follow a series of simple instructions. Begins to recognise the rules and routines of the class/school and behave accordingly Is able to talk about feelings in simple terms, e.g. happy and sad, and give reasons if upset. Plays with other children, rather than alongside. Can play cooperatively, sharing equipment (sometimes with support)	Can become engrossed in an activity, sometimes finding it difficult to switch attention to another task. Can identify a wider range of feelings, e.g. scared, excited, angry, frustrated, nervous, worried and joyful, in themselves and others. Can focus attention in a whole class group for a teaching session, e.g. phonics. Is willing to keep trying if something is difficult or challenging. Reliably responds to instructions.	Can label and talk about own and others' emotions. Responds well to more complex instructions in smaller groups, but can need visual reminders in larger groups. Completes set challenges/tasks independently. Is able to talk about self in positive ways, identifying skills that can be improved and demonstrates pride in achievements. Can wait for short periods of time for needs to be met.	Self-Regulation • Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others, and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly; • Set and work towards simple goals, being able to wait for what they want and control their immediate impulses when appropriate; • Give focused attention to what the teacher says, responding appropriately even when engaged in activity, and show an ability to follow instructions involving
Personal, Social & Emotional Development	Managing Self	Confident to access the environment with minimal support and follows the rules as part of the new routine. Reliably toilet trained and just needs some reminders to wash hands and help with fastenings.	Makes independent choices and is confident to try new things although prefers to choose activities that are within their capability. Perseveres with fastenings on coats and can manage own belongings with much greater independence. Washes hands without reminders.	More confident to tackle new challenges and with encouragement will keep going. Follows school and class rules and can talk about their importance. Knows some ways to keep healthy.	several ideas or actions. Managing Self ELG Be confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge; Explain the reasons for rules, know right from wrong and try to behave accordingly; Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet, and understanding the importance of healthy food choices.
	Building Relationships	Can play with other children as part of a game or activity, without adult support. Can take turns and share, sometimes with adult support. Makes new friends in the class and enjoys talking to adults to share news or as part of an activity.	Is aware of the needs of others but can find it hard to let others take the lead. Comfortably Interacts with a variety of children and is building good relationships with adults and peers. Recognises when another child is upset and responds appropriately.	Can cooperate with others, listening and sharing ideas and will listen to advice about how to solve disagreements. Uses words and sometimes actions to solve conflicts amicably. Takes turns in group activities. Identifies how others feel and responds appropriately.	Building Relationships ELG Work and play cooperatively and take turns with others; Form positive attachments to adults and friendships with peers; Show sensitivity to their own and to others' needs.

Physical Development	Gross Motor Skills	Can run, jump (2 feet), hop and skip (short bursts) Can stand on one leg for a short time and use balance bikes and scooters effectively Has good coordination and balance when negotiating equipment and other people. Is able to tackle parts of the trim trail e.g. low climbing, balance beams (maybe with support), tyres Uses trikes and scooters confidently. Uses brooms to brush and spades to dig in sand and soil.	Uses a range of ways to move appropriately, e.g. jumping, hopping, sliding. Shows awareness of others when moving and can vary speed. Can climb over, under and through obstacles, e.g. climbing frame and large construction obstacle courses. Can throw and kick a large ball. Can manipulate large and smaller construction equipment	Can throw, kick, pass and catch a large ball. Able to balance independently on and off equipment. Can jump safely from a piece of equipment. Demonstrates coordination and balance when moving/travelling in different ways.	Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others; Demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing; Move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing.
Physical	Fine Motor Skills	Can use scissors to make snips and cut lines, holding scissors in one hand. Can copy some recognisable letter shapes from name. Holds pencil or paintbrush in fingers rather than a whole hand grasp. Shows a preference for a dominant hand. Uses drawing equipment to draw a figure (this may be simply a circle with stick arms and legs).	Attempts to use a tripod grip with some consistency when drawing and painting Often chooses to draw, representing recognisable objects or shapes in work. Uses scissors effectively to cut along curved lines, holding scissors in the correct position. Is able to mould and shape dough/clay with fingers and tools.	Sits at a table to write, with a correct posture for writing. Holds a pencil in a tripod grip and marks made show more control and accuracy. Uses scissors independently to cut around more complex shapes, turning the paper as appropriate. Draws pictures with more details. Uses cutlery effectively.	• Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing — using the tripod grip in almost all cases; • Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paint brushes and cutlery; • Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.
Literacy	Comprehension	Enjoys listening to stories, rhymes and songs and responds by joining in with repeated refrains. Listens and responds to stories, rhymes and songs and can recall some of the main characters and events. Talks about what they have heard in stories/books Can retell a simple story using story vocabulary and visual clues as appropriate e.g. when talking through a favourite book.	Has a love of stories and listens attentively to story time. Enjoys talking to others about favourite stories and books. Is able to talk about the main events in the story and predict what might happen. Can retell a story using role play or small world resources, using some story language.	Shows understanding of what they have read and responds appropriately with questions and anticipation of what might happen next. Has a good understanding of story structure and can retell and make up own stories using vocabulary learnt. Identifies non-fiction books and can remember some facts.	• Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary; • Anticipate – where appropriate – key events in stories; • Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, nonfiction, rhymes and poems and during role-play.

	Can discriminate between sounds eg	Can match Phase 2 graphemes and	Reads books with an increasing	Word Reading ELG
	environmental sounds	phonemes.	range of Phase 2 and 3 cvc words	Say a sound for each letter in the
מס	Can keep a simple rhythm and match	Can segment, blend and read Phase	and tricky words.	alphabet and at least 10 digraphs;
din	rhyming words.	2 cvc words.	Reads most Phase 2 and 3 tricky	Read words consistent with their
ea	Knows that print carries meaning.	Can read simple Phase 2 captions	words.	phonic knowledge by sound-
<u>6</u>	Is able to recognise own name.	and sentences.	Says the correct sound for most	blending;
Word Reading	Can say the initial sound in a word.	Can read Phase 2 tricky words.	Phase 2 and 3 graphemes,	Read aloud simple sentences and
>	Is beginning to orally blend some	Knows that print is read from left to	understanding that 2 or 3 letters	books that are consistent with
	simple vc and cvc words.	right.	can combine to make a new sound	their phonic knowledge, including
			(digraph, trigraph)	some common exception words.
	Can say the initial sound in a word.	Can segment and spell Phase 2 cvc	Writes most lower-case letters	Writing ELG
	Is beginning to orally segment and	words.	correctly, using a tripod grip.	Write recognisable letters, most
	blend some simple vc and cvc words.	Can match Phase 2 graphemes and	Writes some upper-case letters	of which are correctly formed;
	Uses some recognisable letter shapes	phonemes.	correctly.	Spell words by identifying
	when writing own name.	Writes simple vc and cvc words and	Says the sound for each Phase 2	sounds in them and representing
	Applies their emergent writing skills to	labels.	and 3 grapheme.	the sounds with a letter or letters;
	different areas of the classroom e.g.	Is starting to write simple captions.	Writes cvc words and labels using	Write simple phrases and
	writing their name on paintings, in	Orally says a simple sentence for	Phase 2 and 3 phonemes. (words	sentences that can be ready by
Writing	role play etc	writing (and count words).	might not be correctly spelt but are	others.
/ri t		Writes some lower-case letters	phonetically plausible)	
>		correctly.	Spells some tricky words.	
		Uses some upper-case letters, e.g.	Writes simple captions and	
		for own name, Mum and Dad.	sentences, increasingly	
			independently.	
			Uses finger spacing between words	
			and is beginning to use a fullstop.	
			Adult can read what they've	
			written and child can read it back	
			to an adult.	

		Recognise some numbers of personal	Can subitise to 5	Developing sense of numbers	Number ELG
		significance e.g. 4 'I am 4'	Is beginning to recognise and talk	beyond 5 and can subitise to 6.	Have a deep understanding of
		Understands the meaning of	about the different ways that	Confidently talks about the	number to 10, including the
		same/different	amounts of 5 can be made	different ways that numbers can be	composition of each number;
	<u>_</u>	Can count, recognise and order	(composition). Can demonstrate with	made to 5 and is now applying this	Subitise (recognise quantities
	- pe	numbers to 5	a variety of manipulatives, including	knowledge to numbers to 10.	without counting) up to 5;
	Number	Rote counts to 5 and beyond and	fingers.	Links subtraction facts to	Automatically recall (without
	_	subitises to 3.		composition of numbers to 5.	reference to rhymes, counting or
				Recalls some double facts to 10.	other aids) number bonds up to 5
					(including subtraction facts) and
γ					some number bonds to 10,
Hiệ H					including double facts.
Mathematics		Compares amounts using the language	Counts objects accurately to 10 using	Can count beyond 10 and is	Numerical Patterns ELG
the		of 'more'.	one to one correspondence and can	starting to recognise the pattern of	 Verbally count beyond 20,
∃a.		Reads numerals to 5 and matches to	identify when objects have the same,	the counting system to help count	recognising the pattern of the
	S	an amount.	less than or more than.	beyond 10.	counting system;
	ern	Orders numbers to 5.	Recognises numbers to 10 and puts	Recognises patterns within number.	Compare quantities up to 10 in
	Numerical Patterns		them in order.		different contexts, recognising
	 				when one quantity is greater than,
	ij	Uses some everyday language to talk	Uses some shape names	Uses mathematical language to	less than or the same as the other
	me	about and compare size and shape.	appropriately and understands	compare and talk about shape and	quantity;
	N	Recognises a repeated pattern and is	prepositional language.	size.	Explore and represent patterns
		beginning to create own patterns and	Creates a repeated pattern with		within numbers up to 10, including
		arrangements.	attention to colour, size and shape		evens and odds, double facts and
			and can talk about it.		how quantities can be distributed
					equally.

		Talks confidently and in some detail	Understands the difference between	Talks about historical events and	Past and Present ELG
		about family, identifying relationships	past and present and is starting to	how things were different in the	Talk about the lives of the people
		within the family and recognising	make comparisons between now	past, asking questions and relating	around them and their roles in
		differences between self now and as a	and then, using experiences and	to own knowledge and experiences	society;
	۲	baby.	artefacts as appropriate (eg photos,	and to what they have seen, heard	Know some similarities and
	Ser		conversations with grandparents etc)	or read.	differences between things in the
	Pre		Developing some awareness and	Talks about how peoples lives and	past and now, drawing on their
	pu		knowledge of historical events	roles have changed over time,	experiences and what has been
	Past and Present		through topics, stories and	identifying some similarities and	read in class;
	Pas		community events, e.g. Bonfire	differences.	Understand the past through
			Night, Remembrance Day,		settings, characters and events
			Can talk about the roles of different		encountered in books read in class
무			people in society e.g. people who		and storytelling;
%			help us.		, -
Understanding the World	Culture and Communities	Talks about the world around them	Listens carefully to stories about	Has a broader understanding of the	People Culture and Communities
) ;		and the people and places that are	different places and is beginning to	wider world and draws	ELG
ling		familiar to them.	recognise that different places have	comparisons between own local	Describe their immediate
Jue		Recognises that everyone is different	different physical features, practices	environment and community	environment using knowledge
 rsta		and may like different things to them	and traditions.	practices and other places.	from observation, discussion,
de	liun	and that this is ok.	Begins to recognise some differences	Looks at and makes simple maps of	stories, non-fiction texts, and
l n	<u>ו</u>		between life in this country and	local environment.	maps;
	l o		other countries e.g. hot and cold	Describes a journey within the local	Know some similarities and
) pi		places.	environment.	differences between different
	ar		Knows about some	Knows that prayer and Collective	religious and cultural communities
	nre:		celebrations/festivals and is able to	Worship are religious practices that	in this country, drawing on their
	<u>†</u>		talk about how they might be	are part of the life of our school	experiences and what has been
	e, (celebrated, e.g. Christmas, Eid-al-fitr,	community.	read in class;
	People,		Chinese New Year.		Explain some similarities and
	Pe		Appreciates and respects difference.		differences between life in this
					country and life in other countries,
					drawing on knowledge from
					stories, non-fiction texts and –
					when appropriate – maps.

	The Natural World	Explores the natural world and talks about the things they observe, sometimes relating to prior experience.	Describes some features of plants and animals and recognises when things are the same and different. Observes the changing seasons and can talk about them e.g. leaves falling off the trees, cold weather, different clothing etc	Has a more developed general knowledge about living things and the natural world and can describe what they see and make simple links. Continues to observe the changing seasons in relation to weather, activities, clothing, etc. Can talk about what they observe and make simple links. Understands and uses some age appropriate scientific language when talking about the environment, natural world and living things e.g. evergreen, recycle, hibernate Recognises different materials used in everyday life and can talk about them.	 The Natural World ELG Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants; Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.
Expressive Arts & Design	Creating with Materials	Enjoys using and exploring a range of different art and craft materials and techniques; eg paint, printing, collage. Can cut continuously with scissors to make lines or snips and uses a paintbrush to form lines and circles. Uses drawing materials to create pictures with a range of lines and shapes. Imaginatively uses objects to represent something else e.g. this box is the garage. Develops own stories through role and small world play.	Makes some independent choices about the resources needed and talks about creations. Can talk about their artwork/construction and signal key parts e.g. this is me, this is the bed etc Cuts along curved lines with scissors and uses moulding tools with malleable materials. Uses a range of shapes and colours to represent observational drawings. Moulds and shapes clay/dough with fingers and tools. Uses materials and props to retell stories and imaginary situations, based on own experiences and knowledge.	Uses different techniques and materials to achieve the desired effect and can talk about what has been created. Mixes colours to produce different shades and combines materials to create different textures. Is beginning to plan a design before starting and will talk about what they are doing. Uses a range of tools and equipment safely, with greater control and independently. Can select the most appropriate tool or joining material for the job. Can initiate and create their own props for role play.	 Creating with Materials ELG Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form, and function; Share their creations, explaining the process they have used; Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.

		Joins in with familiar songs and	Plays with others to develop	Along with others, collects	Being Imaginative and Expressive
	d Expressive	rhymes in class by singing, using	storylines in role play or small world.	resources to develop their own role	ELG
		actions and movement.	Can follow a simple beat and is	play storylines.	Invent, adapt and recount
		Experiments with percussion	developing their ability to copy a	Plays a range of percussion	narratives and stories with peers
		instruments, freely exploring sounds.	simple rhythm using body percussion	instruments and demonstrates a	and their teacher;
	and	Accesses role play and small world	e.g. clapping	growing ability to copy a rhythm	 Sing a range of well-known
	ve	resources, sometimes playing with	Is developing their repertoire of	using the instruments.	nursery rhymes and songs;
	Imaginati	others to develop storylines.	songs by learning and recalling new	Enjoys singing a wide range of	Perform songs, rhymes, poems
			ones.	songs and rhymes and can perform	and stories with others, and –
			Rehearses for and performs in the	them for others.	when appropriate try to move in
	ng		nativity play.	Is beginning to move in time to	time with music
	Bei			music.	