

## Stunning Start

**My family at home** - Settling in - My Class Family. Self-portraits which will make a class family gallery.

**My school family** (including getting to know Year 6 buddies - Year 6 buddies welcome the children to school with a letter to them. Reception and Year 6 buddies share a 'Get to know you session' together.

**Communication and Language** **UNCRC 13, 12, 28** Cultural Awareness Week: sharing photos of our families and talking about our experiences.

Learning the names of our new friends, teachers and resources in our classroom.

Daily routines: snack time talk, nursery rhyme time

**Literacy** **UNCRC 3, 5, 7, 13, 28, 17**

**Terrific Text:** So Much Trish Cooke

[Reading Opportunities across the curriculum](#)

Starting School – Janet and Allan Ahlberg  
The Colour Monster – Anna Llenas  
All Kinds of Families – Sophy Henn  
Love Makes a Family – Sophie Beer  
My Grandma and Me – Mina Javaherbin  
In Every House on Every Street – Jess Hitchman

[Writing Opportunities](#)

Draw our family and write their names  
Write the initial sounds for names

Ask families to send in a clear photo for the children to label with an adult. (This links to Caritas in Action My Family at Home Focus)

Children will make marks with meaning  
Children will write their name and know it is special.  
Name Writing practice  
Letter formation in handwriting sessions

**Maths** **UNCRC 28, 29**

White Rose: We will learn how to match, sort and compare sets. We will learn how to talk about size, mass and capacity and learn how to continue and create our own patterns. We will learn how to find, subitise and represent 1, 2 and 3. We will explore the composition of 1, 2 and 3 and find 1 more and 1 less.

**Expressive Art and Design**  
**UNCRC 31, 13, 29**

Self Portrait – using paint, colour and creating lines.

My home – using small and large construction materials

# Year Reception

**R.E – UNCRC 14**

## Branch 1: Creation and Covenant

Children will learn that God created the world and everything in it, and that creation is a sign of God's love for us. They will explore the Creation story, learn the Sign of the Cross, discover the importance of caring for God's world, and learn that Baptism welcomes people into God's family, the Church.

**RHE & PSHE (Life to the Full Plus – TEN: TEN) UNCRC 29**

Story Sessions: Handmade with Love  
Module 1, Unit 2 Session 1: I Am Me 20 minutes  
Session 2: Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes 20 minutes  
Session 3: Ready Teddy?

## Family and Community

**The human person is not only sacred but social.**

## Virtues:

**Compassionate and Loving**

## Scripture Focus:

'Love one another as I have loved you'

John 13:34

**Prayer Focus –  
The Sign of the Cross**

## Big Question

**Who is our family?**

**Physical Development – UNCRC 24, 31**

## Gross motor

**Walking 1-** The unit of work will explore walking using different body parts in different directions, at different levels and at different speeds. Pupils will learn how to apply their walking skills into games

**Jumping 1 –** The unit of work will explore jumping, in different directions, at different speeds, different levels, heights and distances.

## Fine motor

Using pencils, paintbrushes and scissors safely and effectively. We will be developing our strength and fine motor skills using threading, tweezers, pegs and playdough.

**Understanding the World** **UNCRC 30, 29, 24**

## Past and Present

My Family – Who is in my family?  
How am I growing?

## People and Communities

My Home – What is my address? Who lives with me?

## Natural World

My body – What are the parts of my body called? What are my 5 senses? How do I use parts of my body?

## Music

Exploring Sounds - Children will explore how they can use their voice and bodies to make sounds, experiment with tempo and dynamic when playing instruments, identify sounds in the environment and differentiate between them.

## Computing

Using a computer – Kapow

Colouring in the letters of my name on a keyboard

Introducing the mouse and typing our name using the keyboard

## Other Opportunities

Science in Creation **UNCRC 28**  
Cultural awareness week **UNCRC 30**  
Black History Month **UNCRC 2**  
Little Way Week **UNCRC 29**  
Grandparents Day **UNCRC 5 & 8**  
Parent Phonics Workshop 15.09.26  
Reception's Welcome Mass

## Marvellous Middle:

**My family at home and my school family** – Reception Welcome Mass. The children will be officially welcomed into the St Mary's family at their first Mass, accompanied by their Y6 Buddies. Our wider school community and the children's families will attend this special celebration.