

## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**English Termly Expectations: Nursery** 

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## Communication and Language Uses language to share feelings, experiences and thoughts. Can retell a past event. Responds to a basic instruction. Understands more complex sentences. Holds a simple conversation. Autumn Listens to others 1 to 1 or in small groups, when topic interests them. Literacy Listens to and joins in with familiar stories and poems. Shows an interest in illustrations and words in books. Can tell you what they have drawn or tried to write. Beginning to notice words are all around us. Communication and Language Can retell a simple past event in the correct order. Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall. Beginning to use more complex sentences (because, and). Uses a range of tenses (play, playing, played, will play). Responds to simple instructions. Uses talk to recall and relive past experiences. **Spring** Focuses attention. Literacy Begins to be aware of how a story is structured. Begins to describe main events, settings and characters in stories. Suggest how a story might end. Looks at books independently. Can tell you what they have drawn or tried to write. Hears the initial sounds in some words. Recognises familiar words and signs around them. Communication and Language Beginning to understand how and why questions. Listens and responds to ideas expressed by others in conversation or discussion. Uses more complex sentences to link thoughts (e.g. using and/because). Uses language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations, beginning to introduce narrative into their play. Maintains attention and concentration and is able to sit quietly during appropriate activity. Summer Responds to a more complex instruction. Literacy Hears and says the initial sounds in words. Knows that print carries meaning and in English, we read from left to right and top to bottom. Beginning to segment the sounds in words and blend them together. Shows awareness of rhyme and alliteration. Recognises rhythm in spoken words. Give meanings to marks they make as they draw, write and paint. Ascribe meanings to marks they see in different places. Beginning to write their name. Holds pencil between thumb and two fingers.