St. Francis’ Nursery Unit

New Comer Policy

In St. Francis’ Nursery Unit, we welcome children from other countries who are learning English as an additional language. We endeavour to immerse the children in a language rich environment, where they will learn English by osmosis.

The New Comer children are encouraged to take part in the everyday activities of the Nursery and are treated like the other children. However they will receive a Home/School Key Word Book with pictures and words related to our Monthly Themes. They will also receive monthly songs and rhymes to practise at home.

We are fortunate to have the help of Marta, a newcomer assistant, to help us with all our newcomer children once a week. She not only works with the children but also speaks to our Polish parents and translates information for parents. Marta also teaches the staff Polish words and phrases that we find are essential to communicate with the Polish children in our care.

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