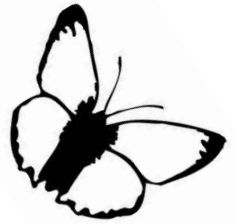


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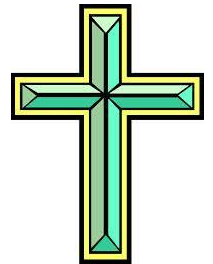


Autumn Term

Religious Education

In RE we are learning about:

- Creation and Covenant - The children will be able to make the Sign of the Cross. They will know that God made the world and everything in it. They will gain an understanding that we are all unique and we are part of God's family.
- Prophecy and Promise - The children will begin to understand that Advent is a time of waiting for the celebrations of Jesus' birth.

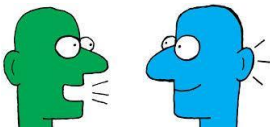


Personal, Social and Emotional

We will be learning our class rules to enable the children to become aware of the boundaries set and of behavioural expectations in their new setting. This will help the children to accept each other's needs, to take turns and to share.

Communication and Language

The children will have lots of opportunities to use their listening skills on the carpet during whole class inputs. Children will also be encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas during whole class Circle Times. The Role Play areas will be used during child-initiated activities and adult directed activities to encourage talk.



Physical Development

The children will have opportunities to develop important skills such as handwriting and cutting. During the first few weeks of Reception, we teach the children how to wash and dry their hands thoroughly; we encourage independence in removing jumpers/coats and accessing toilets.

Literacy

Much of the focus will be on Phonics during the Autumn Term. Our phonics programme is 'Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds Revised'. During the first few weeks, name writing will be practised regularly. Following this, children will begin to use their phonetic knowledge to write labels and sentences using, primarily, their initial sounds.



Mathematics

Mathematics sessions will enable children to explore and investigate number using a

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range of hands-on resources. They will practise matching numbers to quantity and learn to form numbers correctly. The children will also have opportunities to explore pattern and shape.



Understanding the world



We will spend time discussing the different parts of our bodies and explore the five senses. We will use the Interactive White Board and iPads to support our computing skills.

Expressive arts and design

In Music we will learn new songs that link with our current topic. We will use percussion instruments during our music lessons and develop our understanding of rhythm. We will be exploring different textures in art, and have opportunities to create self-portraits.



Topics

Our topics are planned around the children's interests and as a result the theme might change slightly over the coming weeks. Our general themes for this term are 'Who am I?', 'What is a Traditional Tale?' and 'Christmas'.

Important Information

Reception start and finish times - 8:50am - 3:30pm (please arrive on time).

Lunchtime - 11:45am - 12:45pm

Website - please regularly check your child's class page for relevant information.