

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This term we will learning about:

- Domestic Church: Families - God loves everybody and we are all precious to God.
- Baptism: Belonging - How are we welcomed into God's family?
- Judaism: Learning about other Religions - What is Hanukkah and how is it celebrated?
- Advent: Waiting - A time to look forward to Christmas.



Parent Top Tip: Look at family photos and talk about the precious people in your family. Discuss how we all have a birthday and Jesus' birthday is on Christmas day. Read Bible stories together as a family.

Communication and language

The children will:

- Listen to, discuss and perform a range of stories, poems and rhymes.
- Explore the meaning of new vocabulary.
- Engage in small group/whole class discussions.

Parent Top Tip: Discuss the vocabulary in stories. Ask questions e.g. What was your favourite part?

PSED

In the first term, children will settle into the routines of school life. They will build positive relationships with staff and pupils; getting to know them and making friends. They will learn the class rules and why they are important. They will learn about some simple feelings e.g. happy, sad. They will learn how to keep themselves and others safe.

Parent Top Tip: Talk to your children about their feelings at home. How does your face look when you are happy? How does it look when you are sad?

LITERACY

Reading & Writing will focus on:



- Phase 2 and 3 phonics - recognising the sounds. Beginning to blend to read words and segment to write words.
- Re-reading books to build up confidence in word reading, fluency, understanding and enjoyment.
- Beginning to read some common exception words.
- Learning to write their name independently.
- Practising to write the letters taught.
- Beginning to write some very simple words.

Parent Top Tip: Encourage a love for reading! Read books/magazines together. Encourage your child to write as much as possible; shopping lists, cards etc.

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MUSIC



Through music, we will explore:

- Learning about the music from a range of cultural and religious celebrations, including Diwali, Hanukkah, Kwankzaa and Christmas.

Parent Top Tip: Teach your child some nursery rhymes at home.

Physical development

This term in PE we will be experimenting with different ways of moving. The children will be jogging, skipping, sidestepping etc. They will also be developing their spatial awareness. In addition there will be a range of activities on offer to develop fine motor skills (strengthening muscles in the hands to support handwriting).



NUMERACY



Our main objectives this term are:

- Matching and sorting
- Making simple patterns
- Numbers to 5
- Prepositions
- Shape: Circles, triangles and shapes with 4 sides.

Parent Top Tip: Practise counting wherever you go (toys, cars, etc). Spot shapes in the environment (road signs, windows etc.).

Understanding the World



We will:

- Have discussions about the world around them and the people in their lives.
- Learn about people who help us and how we can keep safe e.g. police officers, doctors etc.
- Learn about the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them e.g. what changes can we observe in Autumn?
- Learn about nocturnal and diurnal animals.
- Learn about key historical events e.g. Bonfire night, Remembrance Day.

Parent Top Tip: Enjoy family time outside, observing seasonal change and playing in the Autumn leaves. Discuss the changes that happen during Autumn.

Expressive arts and Design



The children will:

- Uses a range of different techniques and a variety of materials, e.g. paint, clay, collage.
- Rehearse for, and perform in, the nativity play.
- Play alongside others in imaginative role play.

