

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



This term we will learning about:

- **Creation and Covenant** - How was the world made? Who is precious to you and why? How are we invited into God's family? (Baptism) How can we look after each other and the world?
- **Prophecy and Promise** - Who was chosen by God to be Jesus' mother? What was Mary and Joseph's trip to Bethlehem like? Who came to visit Jesus in the stable? How can we get ready for Christmas? Who did Jesus come for?

Y1 children:

- **The Creation Story** - God made the world, creation is God's gift to us and we should look after God's creation.
- **The Christmas Story** - The Annunciation, The Visitation, God sending His Son, How Mary is honoured around the world and How Christians celebrate Christmas today.

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 school 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.

EYFS and Year 1 - Ten:Ten - Module 2 - Created to love others. Jesus as a role model, personal relationships, life online, keeping 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.

Y1 children will be attending phonics in Y1 if appropriate, and developing their ability to write independently.

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.

Y1 children - Explore 'find the pulse' music unit.

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.

Y1 children will be attending maths in Y1 if appropriate. They will be looking at place value, addition and subtraction.

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.

Y1 children - History - What is my history? What were toys like in the past? How are special events remembered? Science - Seasonal changes, body parts and comparing animals.

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.

Y1 children explore line and shape.