

Religious Education

This half term will be learning all about Christmas, It provides an opportunity for the children to explore the Christmas story and become familiar with the people involved, the location and the response to the Birth of Jesus. There are opportunities to articulate and visualise the first Christmas. All the activities will involve lots of discussion and role-play. We will also be learning about Revelation, introducing the role of the Church in getting to know God.



The key scriptures we will study are:
Matthew 1:18-25 The Birth of Jesus
Luke 2:1-20 The Birth of Jesus - Shepherds
Lk 1:26-38 – The Annunciation
Matthew 14: 13-21 – Feeding of the five thousand

English

This half term we will be reading:

'Baboushka' tells the story of the journey The Three Kings made to meet baby Jesus in Bethlehem and the sadness experienced by Baboushka when she realised she was too late. Legend says that Baboushka spent the rest of her time searching for the 'Christ Child'.

We will celebrate Chinese New Year with 'The Great Race', a story about animals racing to have the New Year named after them!

The children will continue their reading journey using their knowledge of phase 2 and phase 3 phonics. They will read books that match the sounds that they have been learning during our Bug Club Phonics lessons.



Maths

This half term we will be focusing on numbers to 10.



We will be working on the following skills through adult led activities and within our continuous provision:

Mass and Capacity
Making pairs
Length and Height
Time and Measuring
Comparing numbers
3D Shapes
Patterns

Science

This half term we will be focusing on continuing to develop our skills through real life, everyday scientific experiences. We will do this through:

Welly Walks: describing what they hear, feel and see.

Animal Habitats.

Focusing on the work of David Attenborough.



Physical Education

The focus of our PE lessons this half term is:

Indoor: We will be launching into Dance!

Outdoor: Multiskills – We will practice our Multi-skills sessions every Thursday morning to develop our gross motor skills, balance And co-ordination

PE Days: Thursday and Friday– children should come to school in their PE kits which they will stay in for the whole day.



Humanities

This half term we will be learning all about the children with our 'Animals in Action' topic!

Extinct! – We will discuss animals that have become extinct.

Night at the museum! – We will sequence the story using pictures and props.

We will discuss animals from different countries. Why they are best suited to that habitat. Fur coat, camouflage etc.

We will talk about the change of season - (winter to spring).



Creative Arts

This half term we will be focusing on drawing, painting and colour mixing (light to dark, primary to secondary)

We will be studying and taking Inspiration from the Artists Yayoi Kusama and Georgia O'Keefe and trying to recreate their famous pictures!



We will also be answering the following questions:

- How can I change colours?
- How do I keep brushes clean when colour mixing?
- What effects can I make with my colour choices?
- Mixing primary colours together to make secondary colours.

PSHE

Following the life to the full curriculum, we will be focusing on the module called: CREATED TO LOVE OTHERS.

We will focus on learning about personal relationships, including friendships and then look at how to keep ourselves safe, with a focus on people who help us when we are poorly.

How you can help at home....



Reading at least 3 times a week with your child – allowing them to become fluent and confident readers is key!

Talk to your children – help them to understand the world that we live in!

Personal development – keep working on being independent with clothes and shoes.