



COPPULL ST JOHN'S
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reception Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn term 2 2023

Please find information listed about the curriculum which will be taught throughout this half term.

Subject	Topic this term	Additional notes
<p>Communication & Language (listening & attention, understanding, speaking)</p>	<p>The children will be engaging in role-play and the retelling of stories using puppets and props in order to build their speaking and listening skills. They will be encouraged to join in with lots of songs and rhymes. Children will develop listening skills through a range of activities and follow instructions given by the adults.</p>	
<p>Personal, Social & Emotional Development</p>	<p>Personal, social and emotional development is ongoing for children in early years and is taught across all areas of learning and at all times of the school day. It will focus on the areas: building relationships, managing self and self-regulation. Our theme this half term will be 'Being My Best'.</p>	
<p>Physical Development</p>	<p>The children will be supported to improve both their gross and fine motor skills through a wide range of activities, both indoors and outdoors. There will be lots of activities on offer to develop fine motor skills which will benefit the children with their pencil control as they begin to write. We will begin to teach cursive handwriting. We have two sessions of PE per week during this half term, so the children will be working on 'Fundamental Movement Skills' and 'Dance'. There will also be lots of opportunities for learning outdoors.</p>	<p>PE days in Oak Class are MONDAY and WEDNESDAY. Children must ensure their PE kits are in school, they will be sent home to be washed at the end of each half term.</p>

<p>Literacy (reading, writing, phonics)</p>	<p>Our focus text this half term is 'I'm Going to Eat This Ant' by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros and we will be doing lots of activities based around this story.</p> <p>Reading will be addressed through shared story time sessions as a whole class, guided reading in small groups, one to one reading with an adult and daily phonic sessions.</p> <p>Children will begin Phase 2 phonics where we will learn the individual letter sounds in a set order and then start to blend the sounds to read simple words. We will continue to recap Phase 1 phonics which includes activities to develop rhythm and rhyme, alliteration and oral blending and segmenting.</p> <p>Once the children have completed some of the Phase 2 sounds they will bring home a reading book with words to match the sounds they are learning. They will then be able to sound out the words and blend to read. The children will access the school library once every 4 weeks on a Friday where they will choose a library book to take home.</p> <p>There will be many opportunities for mark making and writing activities in the classroom areas both indoors and outdoors.</p>	<p>Please listen to your child read on a daily basis and record in their reading record that you have listened to them. They will be rewarded in class with a sticker. Please complete any home learning tasks which are sent out and linked to learning in school. Again, they will be rewarded with a sticker.</p> <p>We also have Reading Champion Awards where children are given a star for every book read at home: 10 stars=Bronze certificate 20 stars=Silver certificate 30 stars=Gold certificate 40 stars=Diamond certificate 50 stars=Platinum certificate 60 stars=Pearl certificate</p> <p>Look out for the weekly Phonic Newsletter from Supersonic Phonic Friends.</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>We will focus on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four & Five • 1 more/1 less • Shapes with 4 sides • Night & Day 	<p>Please encourage your child to look for numbers when you are out and about or around the home. Use the language one more and one less.</p>
<p>Understanding the World</p>	<p>We will be looking at healthy eating and making/tasting lots of healthy foods. We will also be observing different bugs and minibeasts in the outdoors.</p> <p>The children will have regular access to iPads and Beebots (a programmable toy). They will access programs on the iPads on a daily basis to support their learning in all areas.</p>	
<p>Expressive Arts & Design</p>	<p>Each day the children will have access to a painting easel and a craft area where they can make models and creations of their choice in addition to planned art and craft activities. We have a construction area where the children can build models.</p> <p>In music our theme is 'Dance, Sing and Play' The children will enjoy singing and creating music on their own and with others, play a range of musical instruments and understand and explore how music is created.</p> <p>We will also be learning songs for the Christmas performance.</p>	<p>The children will be joining with Maple class to perform a Nativity play at Christmas.</p>

RE	The children will participate in whole school daily Acts of Worship. During our RE lessons we will explore the units ' Special People ' and ' Christmas '.	This half term our Christian value focus is ' Compassion ' and in our worship we will be reflecting on the meaning of the scripture: 'Clothe yourselves with compassions, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience' Colossians 3:12
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A note for children and parents from Mrs Hunt

It has been a great first half term and we feel the Reception children have settled really well and made a great start in Oak Class. They are following daily routines and using all the areas in the classroom independently. I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with all the parents and families in Oak Class this year. We need to work closely as a team, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if there is anything I can help with or if you have any concerns or queries. I always try to be as available as I can and will always do my best to help.

Kind regards

Mrs K Hunt
Oak Class Teacher