



**Monkton CEP School**  
**Bees, Class 1 Newsletter**  
*'Every child is special'*



**Personal, Social and Emotional  
Development**

- We will continue to play turn taking games and practice following rules of a game.
- We will develop our skills of sharing and negotiation to resolve falling out.
- We will carry out tasks which help us think about our feelings and discuss these at school and at home.

**Physical Development**

- Activity games involving jumping, skipping, going over and under.
- Daily get fit dances and songs.
- Activity stories to act out.
- Funky Fingers - developing fine motor skills to assist pencil grip and writing

**Communication and Language**

- We will be practicing speaking clearly and confidently as well as choosing the right words to use.
- We will be focussing on listening to others in group situation and trying to think of questions to ask each other
- We will be learning food names, discussing and comparing features and sharing our knowledge with the class.
- We will continue to encourage the children to speak in sentences when re-telling events and begin to challenge them to add further details.

**Mathematics**

- We are continuing to recognise numbers, count, add and subtract. We would like the children to begin recording their additions.
- We also practice forming our numbers correctly.
- We will be learning all about money which fits in nicely with our topic.
- Our 'Maths Mash Up' sessions will include the weather, days of the weeks, months of the years and look at looking at patterns.

**Phonics**

We are continuing to use our phonic knowledge to sound out and blend letters into words. We will be introducing lots of digraphs this term.

(Two letters making one sound)

**Literacy**

- We are continuing to learn tricky words for reading and spelling.
- Literacy sessions are linked to our topic on learning about different food types, supermarkets and especially carrots!

**RE**

New Testament Stories - 'What do Christians believe is special about Jesus and the message he brings?'

We will be looking at different parables such as 'The Wedding at Cana'. We will learn that Jesus had 12 'special friends' called his disciples.

We will also think about miracles and the meaning of peace.

## Other Specific Areas

### **Understanding the World -**

- In our topic, 'Are carrots orange?' we have a supermarket role play area. We will be pretending to shop and deliver food. We will think about prices and using money to buy our items.
- We will be exploring different foods and discuss healthy diets and lifestyles.
- We will learn more about how food grows and how it comes to be in our shops.

### **Expressive Arts and Design -**

- We will have fun using different fruit and vegetables to create beautiful and usual art pieces.
- We will also be using potatoes to create a very special character. Look out for more info in future weeks.

### **ICT -**

- We will be taking pictures, recording our songs and playing them back.
- We will use PC to follow simple paint programmes.
- We will also be learning to use technology to communicate with each other during our virtual learning times.

### Websites

- Games to aid Letters and Sounds, using the pure sound.  
<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-3.html>
- A variety of mathematic games:  
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37>
- Variety of physical activities.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/super movers>
- Practice for number and letter formation:  
<https://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/activities/letterformation/>
- Memory and music game:  
<https://pbskids.org/oddsquad/games/button-bop>

### Diary Dates

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January-** Term 3 begins.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January-** Virtual learning begin (See emails for further info)

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February-** Term 3 ends.

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February-** Term 4 starts.

We have had a fab term last term and we were so proud of their achievements as well as their lovely virtual nativity they managed to perform. We really hope you enjoyed it. We know this term will be different and will come with challenges but we will continue to support the children within school and at home and are really looking forward to another term of learning with the children. Thank you for all your support in these unusual times.

Mrs Bax, Mrs Pritchard and Mrs O'Neill 😊