



Spring 2023

Welcome back, we hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and wish you all a very happy new year! We hope the children are well rested and ready for an exciting, fun filled term!

RE

Our first RE topic will be Celebrating, where the children will learn that the church gives thanks for God's blessings through its liturgical celebrations. The children will understand that as Christians they belong to their local church community, their parish. They will learn it celebrates the traditions and story of Jesus in lots of different ways.

Our second topic will be Gathering, which focuses on the Eucharist. The children will learn that the parish family finds strength in gathering for the celebration of the Eucharist, a sign of God's love in our lives. We share memories, love and thanks as we celebrate the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus

Our final topic is Growing, where the children will learn that Lent is a time to work at growing spiritually in preparation to celebrate the death of Jesus and his resurrection at Easter. The children will learn that this process involves growing in many ways although it may not always be easy.

Understanding the World

The first half-term topic is Traditional Stories. The children will be exploring three stories and have activities linked to these stories. The stories are; The Gingerbread Man, Little Red Hen and the Ugly Duckling. The children will be using different biscuits to see which will float. The children will make their own bread and investigate gluten. Also the children will go on a materials hunt to help them make a nest for ducklings. After the half-term break, the children will explore different animal life-cycles specifically focusing on the life-cycle of a butterfly and a chicken. The children will get to experience watching eggs hatch and handle the chicks. They will also explore different mini-beasts and their habitats.

RSHE

Our topic this term is Created to Love Others, which explores the children's relationships with others. This builds upon their understanding that they have been created out of love and for love. The children will focus on healthy relationships and keeping safe.

Expressive Arts and Design

There will be lots of fun activities this term in Expressive Arts and Design, including making gingerbread puffy paint and creating red hen handprints. Children will also be making their own bread! They will continue to study the artist Monet and create their own version of the famous 'Water Lilies'. To link with the life-cycles topic, the children will create a pasta butterfly life-cycle. They will also design mini-beast hotels and enjoy making costumes for the 'Ugly Bug Ball'.

Communication, Language and Literacy

This term in communication, language and literacy the children will continue to focus on a different nursery rhyme each week. In phonics the children will focus on alliteration and voice sounds. We will be enjoying lots of lovely books and activities based on these books, including The Gingerbread Man, The Ugly Duckling and the Little Red Hen.

Maths

This term in the children will look at counting and reciting to ten. It would be great if you could practise this with your child at home as it will help them so much. They will then focus on subitising (Being able to visually see a number of objects without counting) four and five before moving on to comparing numbers. When comparing numbers they will look at what is the same and what is different.

Reminders

- Please remember to label all of your child's clothing, including shoes and coats.
- As it is colder now, please ensure your child has a hat and gloves as they go out in all weathers.
- The children's homework and reading book is issued on a Tuesday and should be returned to school the following Monday.
- If your child is not going to be in please contact the school office by 9:30am as we have a statutory duty to complete school Registers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please try to catch us after your child's session if at all possible. We are looking forward to having a fantastic term.

Mrs Holt and Mrs Dean