

Year R – Newsletter

Date: Spring Term 2026

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Mathematics

This term we will be concentrating on comparing numbers, and the composition of numbers to 10. We will be combining two groups and use associated language such as add, plus, more, less, how many more etc. The children will learn their number bonds to 10, and explore 3D shapes and their properties. We will also be learning about capacity, mass, length and height.

Communication and Language, Reading and Writing

This term the children will work on remembering the key features of a story – what happens at the beginning, end, next, before etc. We will also be looking at non-fiction books. Children will begin to start writing simple sentences. They will also practise reading CVC words and simple sentences. Handwriting will be taught to ensure children are forming their letters correctly – please see our writing pattern on our class page under 'reading & writing'.

RE

The RE themes for this term are:

- Stories Jesus Heard
- Stories Jesus Told
- Easter - Love

PE/ Physical development

Your child will take part in PE on Wednesdays and Fridays. We will continue to work on the fundamental skills, and practise a range of gymnastic rolls. We will take part in dance where the children will use body movements to match the music. We will also begin to use small equipment to practise throwing and catching, and various other skills.

Phonics

The children will take part in daily phonic lessons, following the Red Rose programme. We will continue to recognise letter sounds and use them to read and write CVC words/ sentences. They will be introduced to sounds containing more than one letter such as 'sh', 'th', 'ch', 'oo' etc. The children will also begin to learn the alphabet so they know the names of the letters.

PSHE

This term we will be finding out about what we use the Internet for, and how to stay safe online. We will be learning about the people who love and care for us, and identify our trusted adults. We will learn about how to respond to adults we don't know. We will be taking part in Respect for All Week, and discuss how we treat others regardless of who they are.

Other Areas of the Curriculum

Understanding the World –

Linking to our topics Naughty Bus and Jasper's Beanstalk we will explore floating and sinking, mapping, new life, growth and change. We will also learn about Chinese New Year

Expressive arts and design

The children will take part in a range of activities including colour mixing, exploring colour and texture, and observational art. In music we will be learning the names of the musical instruments and using them to perform. We will also explore high and low sounds.

Throughout the above topics the children will use appropriate information technology such as iPads and programmable toys to support their learning.

Ideas to help your child at home

- ✓ Check our class page regularly for weekly activities in class, photographs and updates.
- ✓ Record how your child has read their reading book in their reading record. Please bring these to school every Tuesday and Thursday. Reading books will only get changed if the reading record has been signed.
- ✓ Share achievements from home on the 'I'm a star...' sheet – these will be given out soon.
- ✓ Please let us know if your child is being picked up by a different adult.
- ✓ Please provide your child with a raincoat, hat, scarf and gloves to enable your child to access the outdoor area in different weather.
- ✓ Could your child practise zipping up their coat to make them more independent at playtimes.
- ✓ Please ensure all of your child's uniform and PE kit are clearly named to avoid confusion.

Thank you
Mrs Kenny & Mrs Pickup