

St Thomas More R.C. Primary – Early Years
What I am Learning – Summer 1 – People Who Help Us



Area of Learning	Activities	Area of Learning	Activities
Communication & Language	<p>This half term we will be continuing to develop our listening skills through circle time activities and our focused carpet sessions. We will be talking about our theme and exploring, developing an understanding of and using new vocabulary linked to our theme. We will be using a number of key texts throughout the half term linked to our theme and we will be encouraging the children to describe characters and settings and also ask lots of 'how' and 'why' questions about the factual information that we will be exploring through our theme.</p>	Mathematics	<p>Nursery – We will be continuing our daily maths sessions following the White Rose Maths Scheme. This half term we will be focussing on practically exploring 'one more' and 'one less', exploring the composition of numbers from zero to five, 2D shapes and finding, recognising, subitising and representing numbers from zero to five. Reception – We will continue our daily maths sessions following the NCETM scheme. This half term we will be focussing on cardinality, ordinality and counting including; counting things that cannot be seen, counting rules, counting larger sets, subitising, using tens frames and the composition of numbers.</p>
Physical Development	<p>We will be continuing to focus upon develop the children's fine and gross motor skills through our Dough Disco, Wiggle me into a Squiggler and Squiggle while you Wiggle sessions and through different activities linked to our theme. We will be introducing the Nursery children to some regular 'name writing and mark making' practise (just for short periods of time throughout the week) and Nursery will continue to access the wider school grounds for large scale movements and opportunities to access wheeled bikes, trikes, cars and scooters. For Reception children, our PE focus will be 'Athletics and Mini Games.' We will be encouraging the children to continue to practice their letter formation and handwriting alongside fine motor activities to develop precision and control.</p>	Understanding the World	<p>We will continue to look at changes in our environment and seasonal changes and explore the weather as it changes and the temperature increases (hopefully!) We will also be exploring our theme 'People Who Help Us' and finding out information about who helps us in our homes, school and community. We will explore how different people help and what they do and we are hoping to secure some visitors into school to discuss their jobs and how they help.</p>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	<p>We will continue to reinforce our positive class rules and boundaries. We will continue with circle time activities, modelling positive behaviours/friendships and discussing different aspects of our feelings. We will continue to explore our three school rules in more detail – Ready, Respectful & Safe and introduce our daily Recognition Board. We will be continuing with our 'MyHappyMind' sessions. We will continue to build on our existing knowledge about 'happy breathing', showing gratitude for others, our experiences and ourselves and our character strengths. We will further explore friendships, how to be a good friend, how to get along with others, active listening and handling emotions and how our</p>	Expressive Arts & Design	<p>We will be experimenting with different materials and creative techniques this half term. We will be painting portraits, constructing and joining resources and materials, collaging, constructing flower crowns (May is the Month of Mary) and we will continue to explore a variety of musical instruments and how we can play them.</p>

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Literacy	<p>We will be exploring lots of key texts (Fiction and non-fiction) during this half term linked to our theme. We will be talking about stories, the characters, settings and making comparisons. We will also be focussing on learning lots of new words and terms linked to our theme. We will be exploring different mark making and writing opportunities this half term linked to our theme e.g. setting descriptions, writing about characters, writing recounts, making lists and how problems can be solved.</p> <p>Nursery children will begin the Read Write Inc Nursery Phonics Scheme which will involve a daily focussed phonics session, initially consisting of learning the 'pictures' linked to the letters in the scheme. More information and details to follow.</p> <p>Reception children will continue with their daily RWI Phonics sessions - links to the RWI Virtual Classroom sessions to support the daily lesson added to Tapestry weekly.</p>	RE	<p>In our Religion work this half term we will be exploring 'Pentecost' and how it is often named the 'birthday of the Church.' We will be explaining to the children about this Feast and the coming of the Holy Spirit who breathed new life into the fearful disciples. It is the Spirit who leads and guides believers into communion with God and fills them with courage and energy.</p> <p>We will also be exploring Jesus' friends, how we can be friends of Jesus and what Jesus' rule for friends is.</p>