

RE

In RE we will be learning a little more about the Christmas story and Epiphany. The children will be learning to recognise and re tell some religious stories and recognise key figures in the Bible. They will also be encouraged to say what they wonder about and ask questions about their beliefs and the beliefs of others.

You can help at home by: listening to your child's ideas and beliefs or talking about your own beliefs.

Literacy

This term we will continue to focus on writing in sentences. We will look at how we can use words like 'and', 'but', 'because' to connect two ideas in a sentence together. We will be using stories and information texts linked to our topics. The children will be expected to use what they know to punctuate and spell accurately and to make sensible guesses if they are unsure.

You can help at home by: supporting your child to learn their weekly spellings and discussing the rule; reading nightly – focussing on their comprehension. Check they can answer questions and predict. Finally ensure that you make a note of what they have read in their record books as this is important evidence for us when we have to assess their progress and attainment. It will also mean they get their Red Ted prizes as well!

Numbers, Shape, Space and Measure

Maths

We will be recapping place value. We will then learn about statistics, thinking about bar and picture graphs and what they show us. We will then learn about shape, thinking about the properties of shapes, shape names and fractions of shapes.

You can help at home by: talking as much as possible about numbers. How can we split any number up? Can we split it a different way? Talk about statistics and discuss how many more of one thing you may have than another. Look out for shapes in the environment. Talk about them. How many sides do they have? How many corners? Please continue to practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

Understanding the World / Science

We will find out about how penguins look after their offspring and how living things are suited to their habitats. We will also learn about life cycles. We will find out and describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain. We will also investigate how to keep things warm.

You can help at home by: talking about how to look after pets.

PSHE

Our focus for this half term is "Joining in and joining up". We will be looking at how to listen effectively and to express opinions. We will be looking at what living things need and how to take care of animals. The Dogs Trust will also be visiting school to talk to the children about this.

You can help at home by: talking to your child about how to care for their pet, if they have one, and how to look after the environment to help care for things in nature.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be looking at painting winter scenes and mixing colours to create the background. We will study trees in winter and draw and paint them. We will talk about Picasso and the colours he used in his blue period.

You can help at home by: talking about the winter scenes, and the colours the children see at this time of the year.

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freezing!



History / Geography

We will use maps and globes to locate the Equator, Antarctica, continents and oceans of the world. We will find out about the weather in these different regions and compare it with our weather. We will learn about explorers like Captain Scott.

You can help at home by: looking at maps of the world together.

Computing

We will be learning the word algorithm and thinking about the order we need to do things to make something happen. We will also be talking about e safety. There will be an online safety workshop for parents / Carers on Monday 4th February.

You can help at home by: talking about e-safety when you use technology with your child.

PE / Physical Development

Our focus for this half term is dance and team games. Also we will continue to develop gross and fine motor skills using a variety of activities each day. Please ensure your child has a NAMED PE kit in school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Music – Expressive Arts

We will be listening to music from different origins and thinking about how they are different. We will be focussing on listening to hear a beat and rhythm and then repeating it.

You can help at home by: listening to different styles of music together.